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Regional Planning Board Reviews COAH Plan, Approves Amendment

Shirley Bishop and Elizabeth McKenzie, affordable housing consultants representing the Borough and Township respectively, came before the Regional Planning Board last Thursday to review the affordable housing plan that each municipality will submit to the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) on or before December 31.

Presented as an amendment to the Princeton Community Master Plan, the Housing Element and Appendix A regarding the Borough and Township's Fair Share Resolution was approved unanimously by the Board.

Under COAH's new requirements, all municipalities in the state have been given specific affordable housing obligations that must be met by 2018. Plans showing how they those goals will be met have to be submitted to COAH for review by the end of the year.

In presenting the Borough's plan, Ms. Bishop noted that "when COAH came up with all of these numbers, the economy wasn't in the state that it is now, so no one knows what's really going to happen."

According to the new COAH rules, Ms. Bishop said that the Borough has a 178-unit growthshare obligation, of which

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Plan for Speer Demolition Concerns Neighbors

Members of the Mercer Hill Historic District Association (MHHDA) gathered at the Nassau Club last Saturday to discuss Princeton Theological Seminary's (PTS) proposed demolition of Speer Library. Built in 1956, the library is characterized as Art Deco Collegiate Gothic, and is one of the few buildings of that style found in Princeton.

The Regional Planning Board is holding a site plan hearing at 7:30 p.m. on December 11 regarding the Seminary's project, which includes razing Speer Library and building a new library as a 98,000 square foot addition to the existing Luce Library. The meeting in Township Hall is open to the public.

Noting that "some of us in the neighborhood have concerns about the project," Rob Robertson of MHHDA gave a presentation detailing the history of the organization, the historic Mercer Hill neighborhood, prior demolition by the Seminary of structures in the area, and a plan advocating the preservation of Speer Library.

Elaborating on the historic sites in the Mercer Hill region, which include Morven, Trinity Church, and the Barracks, Mr. Robertson noted that "the hallmark of this area is its diversity" in terms of architecture and historical relevance. Architects Robert O'Connor and Walter Kilham who designed Speer also designed Princeton

University's Firestone Library, and the two libraries share similar features, he remarked.

According to Mr. Robertson, a number of questions still need to be answered by the Seminary, including whether the demolition of Speer is consistent with Princeton's Master Plan, and whether it conforms to the "demolition ordinance" passed by the Borough. He added that major concerns are that "the Seminary hasn't shared its master plan with the community" and the possibility that the approval of the demolition would "set a precedent with other historic structures in Princeton."

Former Borough Council and Regional Planning Board member Wendy Benchley agreed, saying, "I'm struck by the fact that

nobody's seen a master plan [for PTS]. As an institution in town, they should have one." She suggested that the Planning Board should have representatives from the Seminary present its vision for expansion.

"All institutions in town add to the stimulating, wonderful fabric of the community, but all of these institutions are also stimulators of development," Ms. Benchley said, underscoring the importance of understanding a long-term vision for that development.

Stephen Crocco, the James Lennox Librarian at Princeton Theological Seminary, said in a telephone interview that the Seminary's initial idea was to renovate

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Concern Expressed by Borough Council About Delay in Resolving Police Case

"Does anyone share any outrage, or are we so unconcerned and passive about taxpayer money?" asked Borough Council member Roger Martindell regarding the long delay in resolving the case of the Borough Police officers who have been suspended with pay since February.

Borough Police Sergeants Kenneth Riley and Kevin Creegan, as well as Patrolman William Perez, were suspended following an internal affairs investigation. In September, Sgt. Riley was indicted by a Mercer County grand jury on six criminal charges, including computer criminal activity, unlawful access and disclosure of computer data, and official misconduct. His pay was suspended following the indictment, while Sgt. Creegan and Patrolman Perez continue to receive pay.

According to Borough Administrator Robert Bruschi, the County's prosecutor is waiting for the transcripts from the grand jury before proceeding with the

case. Mr. Martindell remarked that the Borough "can't let the prosecutor tell us that there's no information and we have to keep paying the guy."

To clarify, Council member David Goldfarb mentioned that of the two police officers who are "still being paid," one has been recommended for an administrative hearing, and the other is still having his case reviewed by the prosecutor's office. Mr. Goldfarb noted that if Sgt. Riley is found not guilty, the Borough would have to pay him the monies withheld since September.

"I'm looking for results; I'm looking for strategies," announced Mr. Martindell after Mayor Mildred Trotman assured him that she would call the prosecutor's office. She said that the case is "a concern to each of us."

In other news, Mayor Trotman announced a special joint meeting between

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WELCOMING SANTA: Santa Claus arrived at the newly renovated Princeton Shopping Center Saturday by way of his usual off-the-job mode of transportation, courtesy of the Princeton Fire Department. He was welcomed with open arms.

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WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS: Princeton High School's cheerleading squad were the grand champions in this year's Colonial Valley Conference Cheerleading Competition. They also placed first for dance routines.

Dancing, Humility and a Lot of Practice Bring "Shock" of Success to Cheerleaders

Wikipedia defines cheerleading as "a sport that requires physical fitness, flexibility, coordination, and hard work, uses organized routines made from elements of tumbling, dance, jumps and stunting to direct spectators of events to cheer on sports teams at games and matches and/or compete at

cheerleading competitions." The Princeton High School cheerleading squad brought all these abilities to bear — with a vengeance — in their recent triumph as the grand champions at this year's Colonial Valley Conference Cheerleading Competition.

would have been an improvement." The competition was particularly tough this year, the PHS senior noted, with 13 squads participating.

Junior Rehecca Lipschutz, the squad's other co-captain, attributed the team's success, in part, to "hard work," with everyday practices that began in early August. "The girls were completely relaxed," by the time they got to the competition, she said, and the judges actually commented on the sense of fun the squad brought to their routine.

"This was a shock," said the squad's delighted coach, Claudine Kelsey. "I'm very, very proud." The mother of 10-month old twins, she refers to the two trophies won

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TOPICS Of the Town

The win marked the first time that a Princeton squad has won the annual regional competition, and the story only gets better in the context of knowing that the group usually placed last or next-to-last in previous years.

A first-time fund-raising effort by the team also paid off, with the hiring of choreographers from World Cup All Stars and the purchase of music, helping them capture a "best dance" first place in addition to the overall championship.

"We had no expectations this year," said co-captain Bridget Slade recently. "We placed seventh out of eight teams last year; anything

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Cheerleaders

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by the team as "my second twins," and half-jokingly describes keeping them on her desk at work and taking them home each day. ("She talks to them," reported Bridget and Rebecca.)

Ms. Kelsey said that she was particularly proud of the team's "humble attitude. A lot of people asked which of the other teams we were going for, but we never even mentioned another team. We just wanted to place."

PHS football team coach Stephen Everette was also instrumental in the team's success, said Ms. Kelsey. While football teams are often unaware of cheerleading squads' preparation and concerns, Mr. Everette helped with fundraising and was "really supportive," according to Ms. Kelsey. The football team itself turned out to cheer for their cheerleaders at the competition. "We support them every week, so they came out for us," said Rebecca. And how was the football team's season this year? "Not as good as ours," said Ms. Kelsey drolly.

A video of the cheerleading squad's award-winning routine ("we watch it over and over," said the captains) will be posted on the school's website.

—Ellen Gilbert

Correction

An article in last week's Town Topics incorrectly cited Princeton University Press as the publisher of Biblio. It was published by the Princeton University Department of Communications. We apologize for the error.

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A WIN-WIN SITUATION: PHS cheerleading coach Claudine Kelsey flanked by co-captains Bridget Slade (left) and Rebecca Lipschutz (and trophies) savor their winning season.

Topics In Brief A Community Bulletin

The Princeton Township Police Department has announced that a lane closure will be necessary due to road construction related to drainage improvements in the area of **Route 206 and Arretton Road**. Daytime lane closures will be on Saturday 12/13 and 12/20 from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be one lane closed at all times between Hillside Avenue and Ewing Street with an alternating traffic pattern controlled by Township Police.

The Office of the Assessor — Princeton Township and Borough of Princeton has announced that because the Mercer County Board of Taxation has directed Princeton Township and the Borough of Princeton to undertake a complete revaluation of all real property within the municipality, both the Township and Borough have combined forces to undertake this task. The process which began with the drafting of specifications, interviewing of various State approved revaluation firms, and seeking of bids from those approved firms has led to the acceptance of the contract from Appraisal Systems from Morristown, New Jersey. On Monday, December 15 at 7 p.m., the approved revaluation firm, Appraisal Systems, will hold a public meeting in the Princeton Township Municipal Building Court Room. At that time a short presentation will be given by Appraisal Systems which will be followed by a question and answer period. A "Frequently Asked Questions" sheet, which provides a brief overview of the revaluation process is available from Tax Assessor Neal A. Snyder's office and online. These questions and answers provide a basis for understanding the process of a revaluation program, which is the "equitable distribution" of the real property tax levy among all owners of real property within Princeton Township and the Borough of Princeton.

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Local Merchants See Business Slow But Attitude is "Cautiously Optimistic"

"We went into this season with low expectations," said Vice President of Palmer Square Management David Newton, who acknowledged that business during the holiday shopping season is better than expected. There's obviously a lot of caution out there, but there are some positive things," he remarked, adding that "a couple of tenants reported increased sales."

While Mr. Newton characterized cosmetics as a product that is "more recession proof," since using such items "is a relatively inexpensive way for people to feel good about themselves," Interim CEO and President of the Regional Chamber of Commerce Adam Perle said, "I think that the economy is tough for everyone. No industry is safe, but the Princeton region contains resilient businesses and businesspeople."

While admitting that busi-

nesses directly related to fuel, heating, and HVAC tend to be "a little more immune" to the oscillations of the market, Mr. Perle envisioned the current climate as a time to reevaluate and determine strategic plans for the future.

Terming economic downturns as a "cyclical kind of thing," Mr. Perle reported that he's seeing local businesses "doing what they need to do to continue to prosper," listing "inventory control, discounts, layaway plans, advertising, and networking" as key elements. "Networking is one of the most cost effective ways to improve business" he suggested.

In a separate interview, President of the Borough Merchants for Princeton and owner of the Cranbury Station Gallery Kathleen Maguire Morolda agreed with Mr. Perle's sentiment, noting that "one of the things we're

really pushing is cross-promoting each other" and having "marketing material for different merchants in town" inside each other's stores. She described the dynamic between merchants as a "nice camaraderie."

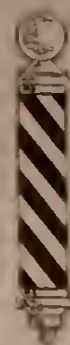
"September, October, and November are usually busy months, but I've noticed a visible taper," admitted Mike Anis, manager of the Princeton Running Company. "The store is usually busier in the fall, because cross country season is starting and people are training for fall marathons, and once Christmas passes it slows down a bit, but there aren't as many people coming out to shop right now."

Beyond retail, even the caffeine-related industry is seeing a "little bit of a downturn, but nothing problematic," according to Small World Coffee owner Jessica Durrie, who commented that "we're seeing the same amount of customers, but the average transaction size is smaller." She's also noticed that they are "brewing a lot more regular coffee, so people who were previously ordering a double latte may be ordering a double joe, which is more cost effective in terms of getting caffeine into your system."

Though he believes that

"we have to wait to see" the effects of the current economic climate on local merchants, Mr. Newton acknowledged a "reason for cautious optimism" in the fact that there have been some increases in sales. He asserted, "If you're in a recession, then Princeton, New Jersey's the place to be."

— Dilshan Perera



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the Borough and the Township on Monday, December 15, at 7 p.m. in Township Municipal Hall. Tax Assessor Neal Snyder, as well as a representative from Appraisal Systems will be present to explain how the reevaluation will work. The meeting is open to the public.

—Dilshanie Perera

Clubs

55PLUS will meet on Thursday, December 18 at 10 a.m. at the Jewish Center of Princeton for a talk by Christopher L. Eisgruber, J.D. on "The Supreme Court and the New President."

Prof. Eisgruber, the Laurence S. Rockefeller Professor of Public Affairs in the Woodrow Wilson School and the University Center for Human Values, became the University's Provost in 2004. From 2001 to 2004 he served as Director of Princeton's Program in Law and Public Affairs. He is the author of *The Next Justice: Repairing the Supreme Court Appointments Process, Religious Freedom and the Constitution*, co-authored with Lawrence G. Sager, and *Constitutional Self-Government*, as well as numerous articles in books and academic journals. Before joining the faculty in 2001, he clerked for Judge Patrick Higginbotham of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit and for Justice John Paul Stevens of the United States Supreme Court, then served for 11 years on the faculty of the New York University School of Law.

55PLUS is a non-sectarian group that promotes social contacts and friendships among men who are either retired or who have flexible working hours. It meets at 10 a.m. on the first and third Thursday mornings of each month except June, July, and August to hear talks by prominent speakers on a wide range of topics. Its meetings are open to the public.

Princeton Singles has scheduled a variety of events this month.

This Friday, December 12, the club will host a breakfast meeting on at 9 a.m. at Friendly's Restaurant on Route 206 in Montgomery. Admission will be the cost of the meal. For reservations, call (908) 359-6076.

On Saturday, December 13 at 2 p.m. club members and guests will tour a collection of Russian art and sculpture at the Jane Voorhees Zimmerli Museum in New Brunswick, with dinner to follow. Admission will be \$3. For reservations, call (908) 359-9268.

An hour-long canal walk is scheduled for Saturday, December 27. Participants will meet in the parking lot of the Delaware-Raritan State Park on Route 27 in Kingston at 10 a.m. for a leisurely stroll followed by an optional lunch at a local deli. For reservations, call (609) 896-1170.

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"Community Band concerts. I give them and I play in a brass choir."

—David Robbins, John Street



"Handel's *Messiah* at the University."

—Maryann Whitman, Florence Lane



"The Christmas Tree Lighting."

—John Erickson with Will and Ned, Hunt Drive



"My favorite is this event, the arrival of Santa and Snowy and I also can look forward to Hannukah on my mother's side."

—Ari Schanz with Paolo, Jim and Jean, Mercerville

Preservation Commission Studies King's Highway, Institute Spread

The Township's Historic Preservation Commission focused Monday afternoon on creating guidelines for the stretch of Routes 206 and 27 known as King's Highway, and potential building by the Institute for Advanced Study on ground near Battlefield State Park.

Although King's Highway, a 10-mile stretch extending from Franklin Corner Road to Raymond Road, is a Department of Transportation (DOT) right-of-way, the DOT has asked the commission to create guidelines for the road, which received national Register of Historic Places status in 2001. Guidelines would address signs, lighting, utility lines, cell towers, curbing, fences, hedges, and other potentially intrusive elements that would compromise the historic integrity of the 66-foot wide road.

"We haven't had time to do it," said commission member Robert von Zumbusch, referring to his and other members' day-to-day obligations. However, he noted, money is available to hire someone to do it, and the commission agreed to hire a consultant to establish basic priorities for the road. While observing that the road also passes through areas of Lawrence, Franklin Township, and South Brunswick, Mr. von Zumbusch said that since "Princeton Township has the best support," it made sense for them to begin the process, eventually bringing

the others on board.

On a related note, Township Committee liaison Chad Goerner described a "culture change" in the DOT's attitude toward the "vision study" on Route 206 that was supposed to be a collaboration between the agency and the Princeton. Under pressure from the truck lobby, he said, the DOT has "distanced itself" from the project. In the face of funding problems, Mr. Goerner reported, the Route 206 Vision Plan group is now turning to the state legislature and Congressman Rush Holt's office for support. They seek to curb truck traffic, improve pedestrian crossings, and address trouble spots like "the most dangerous intersection" in the area, Route 206 and Ewing Street. Their concerns extend to Lawrence Township, which has expressed interest in participating.

Battlefield Blues

The commission considered ways of expressing its opposition to the Institute for Advanced Study plans, originally announced in 2003, to build what the commission believes would be visually intrusive faculty residences on Institute-owned land near the Princeton Battlefield State Park. As a result of the Institute's proposed plan, the National Historic Landmark has been labeled "threatened" by the National Park Service since 2004. Adding to the argument against building is a

Princeton Battlefield Society report on archeological evidence that they believe suggests that some of the 1777 Battle of Princeton occurred on the proposed building site. The Institute disputes this claim.

In response to Chair David Schure's observation that it is time for the commission to be more proactive, Mr. van Zumbusch suggested that the Historic Preservation Commission work with the Township Committee on it. "It's a very, very difficult situation," Mr. Goerner observed, adding that the Institute "needs buildings for residences." While agreeing that he would report to the Township Committee about Monday's discussion, he suggested that the Township Committee might be "more comfortable with the Planning Board looking at expansion of the site." He also encouraged the Historic Preservation Commission to continue with its own discussions to produce a formal resolution on the issue.

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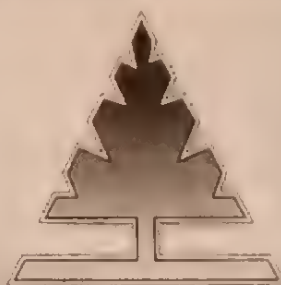


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Glenn E. Ferguson, 22, of Trenton, was arrested on December 1, at 10:47 p.m. for disorderly conduct and profane language after police arrived at Leigh Ave. in response to a report of a loud group.

On December 4, at 12 a.m. Ernst Delma, 25, of Princeton, was issued a summons for a noise ordinance violation on Leigh Avenue, after police had issued a prior warning.

On December 6, at 10:59 p.m. Ramon Gerardo Cruz Arrieta, 41, of Hillsborough, lost control of his vehicle on Cherry Valley Road, due to an ice covered road surface. The vehicle slid into a ditch and the female passenger complained of pain in her right leg and was transported to Princeton Medical Center and released the following day.

Princeton Township has reported the following warrant arrests:

Wendy Gibson, on December 1, at 9:49 a.m. for a warrant out of Princeton Bor-

ough as well as a summons for speeding and driving with a suspended license.

Princeton Borough

Susan Trilli, 57, of Monmouth Junction, was arrested on November 18, at 5:59 p.m. for DWI, subsequent to a motor vehicle accident investigation on Harrison St. She was later released.

Lisa Khan, 44, of Princeton, was arrested on November 27, at 12:34 a.m. for DWI, subsequent to a motor vehicle stop on Nassau St. She was later released.

Anthony Bailey, 53, of Princeton, was arrested on November 27, at 2:29 a.m. for DWI, subsequent to a police investigation on Monument Dr. He was later released.

Princeton Borough has reported the following warrant arrests:

Jeannette Balom, 45, of Hamilton, on November 28, at 11:46 a.m. for a warrant out of Pemberton Borough Municipal Court in the amount of \$140. She was later released.

Ashley Ouellette, 21, of Pennsauken, on November 29, at 12:21 p.m. for a warrant out of Camden City Municipal Court in the amount of \$683. She was later released.

Aja Cale, 25, of Hamilton, on November 29, at 1:19 p.m. for a warrant out of Wallington Borough Municipal Court in the amount of \$164. She was later released.

Mohamed Eladawy, 19, of Princeton, on November 29, at 11:10 p.m. for a warrant out of Montgomery Township Municipal Court in the amount of \$165. He was later released.

Subsequent to a motor vehicle stop on Bayard Lane, on November 30, at 11:17 p.m. Konrad Willie, 40, of Morrisville, Pa, was found to be a New Jersey Wanted Person from Somerset County Sheriff's Office for contempt and a total cash bail of \$5956. He was committed in default of bail.

Subsequent to a report of an unwanted person at 205 Nassau Street, on December 1, at 6:33 p.m. Charles Lewis, 43, of Manahawkin, was found to be a New Jersey Wanted Person from Monmouth County Sheriff's Office for contempt and a total cash bail of \$12,365. He was committed in default of bail.

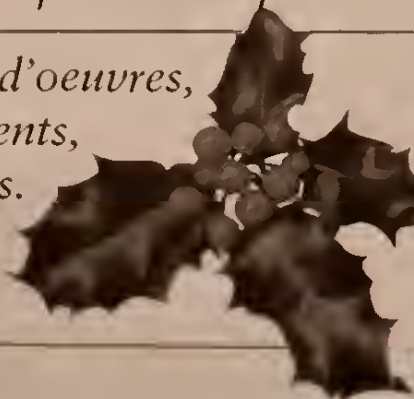
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Public lightings will take place at dusk on Sunday at the Municipal Buildings of Princeton Township, East Windsor Township, Ewing

Township, Hamilton Township, Lawrence Township, and Hightstown. Volunteers will place luminaries extending from the Municipal Building to the top of Witherspoon Street, connecting Princeton Township to Princeton Borough. Womanspace volunteers will also illuminate Nassau Street, which has been a tradition since Communities of Light began in 2002. More township lighting locations will be announced at www.womanspace.org, which also carries the names of participating retailers who sell the environmentally-friendly luminary kits. Each kit costs \$10 and includes supplies and safety instructions for assembling six luminary displays to cover 150 linear feet. All proceeds will support services for victims of domestic and sexual violence and their families, ensuring

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Coalition Holding Vigil, Free Concert, for Peace

The Princeton-based Coalition for Peace Action (CFPA) will hold its annual Candlelight Vigil for Peace on Earth on Tuesday, December 16 from 5 to 6 p.m. on Palmer Square.

A Potluck and Party for Peace will follow from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Assembly Room of Nassau Presbyterian Church, 61 Nassau Street (directly across the street from Palmer Square).

A free concert in the Assembly Room, entitled "Songs to End War," will follow the potluck. Performers will include David Brahinsky, guitar and vocals; Paul Prestopino, banjo, mandolin, guitar; Guy DeRosa, harmonica; and Phil MacAuliffe on bass. They will perform songs by John McCutheon, Pete Seeger, Leonard Cohen, Leadbelly, and others.

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Speer Library

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Speer Library, but after conducting a feasibility study, it was determined that renovation would be a "more expensive proposition than they had imagined," and involve the replacement of various building systems.

The architectural firm Einhorn Yaffee Prescott, which is currently spearheading the project, specializes in overhauling older buildings, according to Mr. Crocco, who reported that they too began their work with plans to renovate Speer, but "after about three to four months found it just wasn't working." A cost analysis suggested the cost of renovation and the cost to tear down and construct a new building would be the same.

Since the Borough Council established the Mercer Hill historic preservation district in 1985, no demoli-

tions have occurred in the area. In a November 26, 2008 memorandum to the Regional Planning Board, Borough Historic Preservation Review Committee (HPRC) Chair Jeanne Perantoni wrote that the HPRC "cannot reach a final recommendation" about the demolition because it needs more information from the Seminary.

The Borough's "demolition ordinance" as part of its Municipal Land Use Ordinance allows demolition only if it conforms to certain standards or if the building in question "cannot be put to a reasonable use and its preservation will impose an undue hardship on the applicant."

Mr. Crocco said that the renovation "just wouldn't work" because "we'd have to tear out the building in the middle and keep the facade" and that "modern buildings

have taller floor-to-ceiling heights for mechanical equipment." While noting that Speer is "running out of space for books" and that the lack of natural light in the interior of the library makes it a less than ideal environment, he added that though the Speer and Luce Libraries are currently connected, they still function as separate libraries, and a new structure could better bridge the divide.

—Ditshanie Perera

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SPEER PEERS: Neighbors of the Princeton Theological Seminary (PTS) and members of the Mercer Hill Historic District Association (from left) Rob Robertson, John Kerr, Wendy Benchley, Barbara Grahn Garretson, and Everett Garretson met with other community members to discuss PTS's proposed demolition of Speer Library last Saturday at the Nassau Club. The Regional Planning Board will review the plans for the demolition at its meeting tomorrow, December 11, at 7:30 p.m. in Township Hall. The meeting is open to the public.

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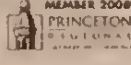
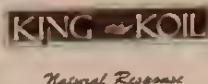
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45 units must be available for rental, 23 can be for families, and up to 44 may be age-restricted. Of the affordable housing built, 13 percent must be affordable to households whose incomes are 30 percent of median income. Additionally, 67 units are slated for the rehabilitation obligation, though 15 of those units are currently complete.

In a November meeting with Borough Council, Ms. Bishop noted that the municipality already has 134 eligible credits that may go toward the housing obligation, and thus is required to build or set aside 44 units. As for funding, she has calculated "zero balance and zero shortfall," adding, "I have to tell you that you are one of the very lucky municipalities" in such a situation.

Speculating that the COAH regulations may "have to be redone again" since there are 24 lawsuits filed against them, and "the way the Roberts bill is being implemented is not the legislature's intent," Ms. Bishop said that the plan and implementation schedule have to be turned in to COAH anyway, lest the agency "dismiss the municipality from the COAH kingdom."

In her remarks about the affordable housing obligation in the Township, Ms. McKenzie said that the municipality is required to rehabilitate 47 units, and build or set aside 168 units.

Proposing a collaboration between Princeton Community Housing and the Township to rehab older housing units, Ms. McKenzie characterized the strategy as the most cost-effective. She also reported that she is work-

ing with Township officials to draft a spending plan for affordable housing, "to try to determine what portion of the money spent would be coming out of the development account, versus the trust fund."

Ms. McKenzie cited the history of Township, which has often "gone ahead and purchased affordable units that have come onto the market ... to make sure that the units stay affordable."

Former Borough mayor and current Planning Board member Marvin Reed called the work of the consultants

"truly commendable" before the vote by the Board approving the amendment. The plans will be presented to Borough Council and Township Committee for approval before being submitted to COAH.

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To the Editor:

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The YWCA Princeton's Crafters' Marketplace, held at John Witherspoon Middle School on November 22 and 23, succeeded in raising a record \$60,300. With such a shadow over our economy right now, we were worried that perhaps our Bates Scholarship Fund, to which all proceeds are directed, would suffer.

However, we are very happy, and most appreciative, that such is not the case. Once again we will be able to offer financial aid to those community members who must put their children in our care while they work, who literally need our rehabilitative services to keep moving, who count on our English classes to help them assimilate into their new country.

We thank all those who attended Crafters' Marketplace. We also thank our staff, the Crafters' Marketplace Planning

Committee, the Princeton Newcomers, and many other volunteers who devoted their entire weekend to making sure the Marketplace ran flawlessly. And we are grateful to the corporations that contributed goods, and to our patrons who gave "a little something extra."

We are very proud of all supporters of this wonderful event.

JUDY HUTTON
CEO, YWCA Princeton

Community Food Bank Donations Urged To Feed Hungry During Holiday Season

To the Editor:

On Thanksgiving morning I was one of the 200 people who decided to forego sleep and instead put on running shoes to participate in the first Turkey Trot organized by Trinity Church in Princeton. Besides being a fun and healthy way to start the morning, it was a way to observe the day and come together to help those in greatest need. All proceeds from the event went to benefit The Crisis Ministry of Princeton and Trenton.

I am writing now to remind all Mercer County residents that during this season of giving it is essential that we all go the extra mile to support community food banks, such as Mercer Street Friends (www.mercerstreetfriends.org, 609-396-1506) and the many local organizations that feed the hungry. They include Crisis Ministry of Princeton and Trenton (www.thecrisisministry.org, 609-396-9355), HomeFront (www.homefrontnj.org, 908-989-9417), and Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (www.trentonsoupkitchen.org, 609-695-1225), whose food stocks this year are precariously low and whose demand is exceedingly high.

Your generous support of much-needed food and cash donations will help ensure that no one goes hungry this holiday season. It's a gift that will brighten the day for both the giver and the receiver in these tough economic times.

DAN BAUER
Spruce Street

McCaffrey's Thanked by Junior School For Donations of Thanksgiving Baskets

Editor's Note: The following is a copy of a letter sent to James McCaffrey of McCaffrey's Supermarket in the Princeton Shopping Center.

To the Editor:

On behalf of the faculty, staff, parents, and children of the Princeton Junior School, I would like to express our deepest gratitude again for McCaffrey's generous donation of turkeys to our Thanksgiving Basket Drive last week. Our school collected an assortment of food items to assist needy families in the Trenton area through Mercer Street Friends. Your generosity helped make a wonderful state-

ment about helping others in our community, especially at Thanksgiving time. Your support embraced the spirit of our Pilgrim forefathers who passed on the gifts of courage, community, and commitment to generations of Americans to come.

The delivery of the baskets followed the School's traditional ceremony of songs and words of thanks presented by the children, honoring the spirit of Thanksgiving and acts of kindness throughout the year. Princeton Junior School children also made their own bread to accompany a special turkey soup prepared by our "soup dads."

Your thoughtful contributions to our community service project are greatly appreciated. Thank you again for your assistance.

PETER Y. RAPELYE
Headmaster, Princeton Junior School

Proposed Demolition of Speer Library Gets Planning Board Review Tomorrow

To the Editor:

The Princeton Theological Seminary has applied to the Princeton Regional Planning Board for concept review on Thursday December 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the Township Municipal Complex to demolish the 1956 Collegiate Gothic Speer Library so they can clear the site to construct a new 130,000 square foot library facility at the corner of Library Place and Mercer Street.

Because of the drastic nature of this demolition proposal, I urge all Princeton residents to attend this meeting and ask questions in an effort to understand the full impact — environmental, historic, and aesthetic — of the Seminary's proposed new building complex on this critical site at the gateway to the Borough, and at the center of the Mercer Hill Historic District.

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OUTSPOKEN CRITIC: Journalist and epidemiologist Elizabeth Pisani recently appeared at the Woodrow Wilson School to discuss her book, "The Wisdom of Whores: Bureaucrats, Brothers and the Business of AIDS."

Books

Sex, Drugs, and Public Policy: The Troubling "Business of AIDS"

Elizabeth Pisani is not a shrinking violet. Discussing her new book, *The Wisdom of Whores: Bureaucrats, Brothers and the Business of AIDS* at a recent Woodrow Wilson School talk, the author and epidemiologist genuflected each time she referred to "the Pope" (outgoing UNAIDS Director Peter Piot), described herself as a "high priestess" among AIDS workers, and more than once used the word "crappy" to describe various government and agency efforts to solve the world's AIDS problem.

Ms. Pisani, who began as a journalist and later earned a Ph.D. in infectious disease epidemiology from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, has provided research, analysis, and policy advice on AIDS to the World Bank, the World Health Organization, and the Centers for Disease Control, as well as to the ministries of health of China, Indonesia, East Timor, and the Philippines. Taking time off from these jobs, she wrote her book, in which describes "how the best intentions go astray." In this "tale of two AIDS" (AIDS in South Africa and AIDS in "the rest of the world"), she talks about how received wisdom and consequent efforts at treatment and prevention have failed. Giving the lie to the notion that "HIV is spread by poverty in Africa," she noted in her talk, for example, that HIV rates are

"stratospherically higher" in Africa's wealthiest countries than elsewhere.

"Why are we doing so badly?" asked Ms. Pisano in her talk, showing the cost per new HIV infection in the 1980s (\$70) compared with the cost today (\$2,800). She believes, she said, that there is a need to "repackage the problem," getting rid of programs like the current \$1.3 billion U.S. initiative to teach abstinence in foreign countries. She pointed to successes like the safe injecting programs (particularly in prisons) in the United Kingdom, Australia, and the Netherlands, and educational approaches to condom use as more realistic alternatives.

It's not a question of money, said Ms. Pisano. Money for HIV treatment and prevention is plentiful, she observed; we've now "become so ingrained" that any grant applicant can put "HIV" in a proposal — however unrelated — and get funded. Losing sight of the need to treat HIV like an infectious disease ("\$400 million a year, and they can't put condoms in brothels," she complained about the Indonesian government) is a major problem. Others include ideological precepts that impede recognition of scientific evidence, institutions that put their own agendas first, and politicians who don't care about results that will occur after election day.

"Everyone had very high

hopes about the Gates Foundation because they're not beholden to voters," said Ms. Pisani when asked about the role of private foundations in stemming the AIDS crisis. The slight but intense Ms. Pisani grew even more animated as she reported how she told the Gates Foundation to "treat HIV like Netscape! Crush it like a bug! Whatever you did, do it again!" Sadly (and somewhat ironically, given her talk until that point) she observed that "they brought in old AIDS dinosaurs like myself, who think that AIDS is terrifying. But AIDS is disappearing, and HIV has to be tackled differently. They need to change their thinking."

Several days after her presentation, Ms. Pisani responded to a query about a recent New York Times article on the plight of AIDS victims in Myanmar. The article reported that the international charity Doctors Without Borders claim that the military junta running the Myanmar government is not spending enough money on AIDS, and that as a result, they are overwhelmed by the numbers of patients applying for treatment and must turn some away. "I can usually find

something to disagree with in the Times's reporting on HIV," said Ms. Pisani in her response, "but I have to say they are right about this. I would also say that Burma has done far too little in the way of effective prevention. The public health service in Myanmar is full of dedicated hard-working people who do the very best they can under very difficult circumstances. Despite the fact that the HIV surveillance system is relatively strong (and the situation is well defined) and the fact that [head of state] Than Shwe's wife is a medic, the Junta has too frequently chosen to deny the problem rather than to deal with it. Yes, they're not doing enough to get meds to the people who need them, and are often deliberately obstructive of NGOs (non-government organizations) who are trying to fill the gaps. But they are doing even less to get clean needles to the tens of thousands of injectors who need them, so they are doing absolutely nothing to reduce future demand for HIV treatment."

For more on Elizabeth Pisani see www.wisdomofwhores.com/, and www.ternyata.org/

— Ellen Gilbert

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Longtime Resident's Book Features Paris and Fashion

Former Princeton resident Ann Montgomery has just published *Another Me* (iUniverse \$17.95), an account of her life from the time, at 22, she moved from Main Street in Oxford, Ohio to Paris. Except for two stays in Washington, D.C., she, her husband, writer Brock Brower, and their five children, lived here from 1958 until 1988.

With her college diploma in hand, a one-way steamship ticket and three hundred borrowed dollars, Ann Montgomery began her voyage in September 1954. Arriving in Paris after a ten-day journey, she immediately began a job search. After two months of rejections, her funds dwindling, she was introduced to a fashion photographer by a friend she'd met on the boat. The photo from her first fashion shoot appeared on the cover of *L'Art et la Mode*, a prominent magazine of French couture. Within weeks, she had become a successful and sought-after model, posing for Paris Vogue and Elle. Upon joining a London modeling agency, she launched an even busier career in England. The following spring, the French couturier Coco Chanel hired her to show the new collection heralding Chanel's return to prominence as a designer.

Another Me, with its behind-the-scenes picture of the fashion world in London and Paris, is Ann Montgomery's first book. The title refers to "the magic of the camera that, with its single eye, creates something unique." Incredulous viewers, looking at her photo in a magazine, often asked, "Is that really you?" Yes, but "another me." The text is illustrated with over 20 professional fashion photographs of the author and is available through Amazon.com or by order from Barnes and Noble.

Now a resident of Santa Barbara, Ms. Montgomery began writing *Another Me* when she was a Georgetown realtor in Washington, D.C. She has written for *More* magazine, was a columnist for *The Princeton Packet* and is a published poet. Her website: www.AnotherMeMemoir.com.

"What Makes a Terrorist" Discussed in New Book

In *What Makes a Terrorist* (Princeton University Press), Bendheim Professor of Economics and Public Policy at Princeton University Alan Krueger argues that if we are to correctly assess the root causes of terrorism and successfully address the threat, we must think more like economists do.

An advisor to the National Counterterrorism Center, Mr. Krueger has applied statistical analysis to a range of issues, from the minimum wage and education to the occurrence of hate crimes. In this book, he explains why our tactics in the fight against terrorism must be based on more than anecdote and speculation. Examining the factors that motivate individuals to participate in terrorism, he draws inferences from terrorists' own backgrounds and the economic, social, and political conditions in the societies from which

they come. The book describes which countries are the most likely breeding grounds for terrorists, and which ones are most likely to be their targets. Besides addressing the economic and psychological consequences of terrorism, Mr. Krueger calls on the media to be more responsible in reporting on it.

"Krueger's work represents the most careful data-driven research ever done in this area," according to *Freakonomics* coauthor Steven D. Levitt, who calls it "a beautifully written book...that a lay audience will read and enjoy" and one that "should play a critical role in shaping our public policies on

terrorism."

Tony Azios in *The Christian Science Monitor* finds that "What Makes a Terrorist" brings together disparate data, such as academic studies and government reports, arraying them into a concise, accessible argument against the notion that we can defeat terrorism through aid and education. While Krueger is careful to affirm that these are useful in combating many social ills, he is adamant that terrorism is not one of them. He offers skilled analysis to show that an aggressive foreign policy based on this fallacious assumption has cost several nations dearly and also warns that continuing

along this course may provoke further terrorist acts."

Mr. Krueger is the coauthor of *Inequality in America and Myth and Measurement* (Princeton).

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ART REVIEW

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Imagining Lennon: Happiness Is a Night Walk Through the Met

You can celebrate anything you want ... penetrate any place you go ... radiate anything you are ... imitate everyone you know ... indicate anything you see ... syndicate any boat you row ... Everything has got to be just like you want it to ...

—John Lennon, "Dig a Pony"

When asked in a 1980 Newsweek interview if he'd been to a certain disco, John Lennon said, "I've never been to any rock clubs. It's like asking Picasso has he been to the museum lately."

The in-your-face attitude is vintage Lennon, but what made him so special a talent was something wiser and more subtle than his audacity. Change the gender in "She's not a girl who misses much" from his song, "Happiness is a Warm Gun," and he might be singing about himself. That line, which touches on a quality essential to his vision and his music, kept resonating during a recent visit to the Metropolitan Museum, both in terms of the works that I imagined Lennon would give special attention to and in the expressions and attitudes of three females, two of whom were in paintings, the other one a real-life girl who wasn't missing anything.

Remembering December 8

In Manhattan several hours ahead of a 7:30 dinner engagement with friends on 115th Street, we parked the car nearby and waved down a cab on Amsterdam Avenue, across from St. Luke's Hospital. It took a minute before I remembered that this was the place to which John Lennon had been rushed, bleeding to death in the back of a squad car after being shot by a deranged fan the night of December 8, 1980. Every year on that date people come to the Strawberry Fields memorial in Central Park to celebrate his life and his music, as they did once again this Monday.

On the way to the Met I was thinking about another date, February 7, 1964, and of the iconic image of Lennon and his mates, the Lads from Liverpool, waving to the crowds on Fifth Avenue from the windows of the Plaza Hotel. Although the Beatles' choice of Apple for the name of their own record label (and corporation) is said to have been inspired by a Magritte painting, the group, and Lennon in particular, must have approved of the symbolic connection with the Big Apple, John's adopted home and the scene of that inaugural American moment.

Art at Night

The sky is darkening over the Hudson as we take a left turn and head east toward the park and across the transverse from 86th Street to Fifth Avenue and our destination, the floodlit palace that feels like the center of the world, which is an impressive idea, to think that art should be the center of anything in 2008, let alone looming like a place of worship with multitudes of paying pilgrims climbing the great expanse of stairs outside and then proceeding up the grand stairway inside.

It goes without saying that an evening visit to the Met when it's open late and decked out

for the holidays has a quality not to be found on a typical museum Sunday afternoon. It's also easier to imagine John Lennon scouting the galleries at night and slinging Lennon-esque jibes at certain of the works on display. Even without that glimpse of St. Luke's and the thought of December 8, 1980, I've got reason to be in a John Lennon state of mind as I wander through the Lila Acheson Wallace galleries and the exhibit showcasing the wild and wondrous melange comprising 30 years of treasures acquired during the directorship of Philippe de Montebello. The previous Tuesday, November 25, having been the 40th anniversary of the White Album, I'd been absorbed in Beatles music for days

while preparing an article on the album for this week's record review. So why not imagine which works would speak to Lennon when his most famous song asks us to join him and imagine the day when "the world will live as one." It's also true that his strongest lyrics are generally more open, intimate, and personal than McCartney's. In "Strawberry Fields Forever," he makes music of uncertainty by registering the casual movement of his thought ("I think, er No, I mean, er Yes but it's all wrong. That is I think I disagree") so that you seem to be sharing the give and take of a "real" moment with him.

And it's not as if he's a stranger to galleries. It was at a Yoko Ono exhibit in London that his life (and that of the Beatles) changed forever. He and Yoko must have paid this palace of art at least one visit over the years, and Lennon was here in spirit in 1999 when the Met's Rock Style exhibit featured the uniform he wore on the cover of Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band, along with the Edwardian suit he sported ("brown wool with black velvet collar") on the cover of the EP, *The Beatles Hits*.

Attitude

Lennon's "She's not a girl who misses much" and the point of view implicit in it first came to mind when my wanderings led me to John Singer Sargent's *Lady with a Rose*, otherwise known as *Charlotte Louise Burckhardt*, who was 20 in 1882 when the picture was painted (she died of tuberculosis

at 30). Her expression is one of barely veiled discomfort, a pained impatience; she's not holding the pose so much as enduring it, and the way she's handling the rose of the title between thumb and forefinger, you'd think that she'd either just pricked her finger on a thorn or that she felt the flower had been foisted on her, more a distasteful artifice than a glory of nature. Her other arm is bent at her side in the age-old female I-mean-business attitude, implying that if Sargent doesn't get it done soon, she'll drop the rose and flounce out of the room. Not only is she not a girl who misses much, she's in definite possession of an attitude. Even more so is Rebecca H. Whelan, an American beauty



"AT THE LAPIN AGILE": Picasso's oil painting from 1905 is among the works acquired during the 30-year directorship of Philippe de Montebello that will be on view at the Metropolitan Museum through February 1. That's Picasso himself in harlequin attire at the bar of the Montmartre cafe. Standing next to him is a model and femme fatale named Germaine Pichot. The man with the guitar is the owner of the Lapin Agile, where this painting hung even into the 1940s. Complete images of the show can be viewed online at www.metmuseum.org/home.asp.

that under the voluminous skirt one leg is crossed over the other in a not very lady-like manner. Her expression is somewhere between a grimace and a sneer. Never mind the fancy period dress (a work of art in itself), she's glowing with a modern light and simply radiating attitude. Though it's some distance away in the Montebello exhibit, *A Rose* makes an obvious companion piece to *Lady With a Rose*, except that this time the rose is sitting on the table by the subject's side; as if Rebecca had spurned it in defiance of the artist's command. If you think I'm reading too much attitude into her body language, take a look at the Met's website and see if you don't think this woman is capable of telling the artist what he could do with his rose. Nor was she someone to be trifled with, her father having been a trustee of the Philadelphia Academy of the Fine Arts, where Anshutz earned his bread as a teacher.

Reality Bites

Surely someone has written about the way museumgoers occasionally and often inadvertently assume poses similar to the ones they've been staring at, particularly in paintings that have a special hold on them. Since photography is permitted at the Met, you see people on all sides taking or having their pictures taken against the backdrop of this or that artwork. My imaginary companion would definitely relate to the rock star arrogance of a girl in her twenties who's missing nothing, not an ounce of phenomena, not an instant, as she lounges strikingly on one of those big circular grey sofas the Met provides for weary pilgrims to rest on. Clad in a skirt as long if not as lormal as the one on the dress worn by Rebecca in *A Rose*, she's got one leg propped on the cushion, knee bent at an angle that should appear awkward but looks like art in action while the other leg is thrust straight out as she holds the pose, making eye contact with the world, openly daring an artist, any artist, to get real and appreciate her. John Lennon would have taken the challenge.

Faces

Walking wide-eyed through Montebello's treasure house, I listen to my inner Lennon and give special attention to a bizarrely fashioned stringed instrument with the head of a Moorish king atop the fretboard; a viola da gamba from 1680; a guitar owned by Segovia; and a long, fabulously embellished Tibet trumpet or rog-dung (Lennon the punster would have fun translating that one), but with all the rugs and sceptres, statuary, Olmec masks, and Turkish swords, what holds me are faces like the fresh, open, serenely attentive one in Vermeer's *Study of a Young Woman* from 1665-1667, probably one of the painter's daughters. As someone who understood the wages of fame, however, the author of "Working Class Hero" would be more interested in Richard Avedon's 1957 photograph of Marilyn Monroe, which resembles the photo of her used on the cover of *Sgt. Pepper*. Avedon says he caught her when her defenses were down after she'd spent hours playing her movie star self. Hers is a face bereft of attitude. She's lost, and she's not missing "much"; she's missing everything.

Given Lennon's matter-of-fact reference to himself and Picasso in the Newsweek interview, you have to believe he'd have spent a long time gazing at the scene depicted in Picasso's 1905 painting, *At the Lapin Agile*, into which the 24-year-old artist has painted himself as a harlequin standing at the bar with one hand around the stem of a wine glass. And if you believe that "you can penetrate any place you go," as Lennon puts it in "Dig a Pony," you can imagine him imagining himself in there with Picasso, out of the museum into the deathless realm of art "where the world will live as one."

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Multi-Artist Show at Michener Museum Highlights Contemporary Landscapes

The James A. Michener Art Museum in Doylestown, Pennsylvania is starting the winter season with a contemporary art exhibition of representational and abstract photography and paintings. On view in the Wachovia Gallery from December 14 through March 1, "Shifting Ground: Contemporary Landscapes by Paula Chamlee, Alan Goldstein and Paul Matthews" highlights the work of three Bucks County artists who, though exploring very different artistic territory, all extend the landscape tradition and reveal distinct interpretations of nature.

"The hills, streams and forests of Bucks County have inspired generations of creative individuals and Paula Chamlee, Alan Goldstein and Paul Matthews are no exception," commented Kristy Krivitsky, the Museum's Associate Curator of Contemporary Art. "However, the 'terra firma' or solid ground on which the Pennsylvania Impressionists stood is literally and figuratively not the same spot from which these contemporary artists work. Their art examines land both near and far away from our county, and it often uses the slippery language of abstraction—sometimes resembling an actual place, other times not—but most importantly, the work moves beyond simple surface descriptions of what a landscape looks like in order to investigate larger, more meaningful issues."

Beginning her career as a painter in the mid-1980s, Paula Chamlee soon discovered photography and has traveled from the high plains of the Texas panhandle to the back roads of Tuscany, photographing landscapes. This exhibition also premieres her first film, *Flow*, a 14-minute two-part piece that was filmed in Iceland in the summer of 2006 where the artist, in her own words, "observed in the

land and water a pulsation of life rhythms unlike any I had seen elsewhere." Ms. Chamlee has published five books and received numerous grants. Her photographs are widely exhibited, and included in the collections of over 25 museums in the United States.

Alan Goldstein is inspired by nature and the process by which he paints mimics its underlying qualities of flux, chance and unpredictability. Rather than applying paint to a support with a brush, he plays with the fluid properties of the material by pouring it into a turpentine solution. As organic shapes form in the liquid, he captures them on paper and over time builds up successive layers of transparent color to create his paintings. His depictions of floating rocks, in particular, present meditations on the concepts of weight and weightlessness. An art instructor at Bucks County Community College for over 30 years, he also served as curator for various exhibitions in the Greater Philadelphia area. His work has appeared at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Art and Woodmere Art Museum, both in Philadelphia, and in galleries throughout the Mid-Atlantic region.

Through both representational and abstract paintings, Paul Matthews focuses on parts of trees, rivers and clouds, inviting his viewers to consider the small, often overlooked aspects of nature. In his own words, "the idea of painting is to make the invisible visible—and the only means we have to do this is the visible. The further the artist goes in

response to this problem of making the invisible visible—the closer he comes to the motives of nature." His landscapes, figures and portraits are in permanent collections in Birkenhead Gallery in Liverpool, England; Trenton City Museum in Trenton; and Yeshiva University Museum in New York City.

There is an extra admission charge of \$4 for this special exhibition. Museum admission and the special exhibition are free to Museum members, Corporate and Business Partner Members and children under the age of 6. Exhibition dates are subject to change due to construction at the Museum and therefore visitors are encouraged to confirm details at www.MichenerArtMuseum.org.

In conjunction with this exhibition, the Museum presents visitors with the opportunity to tour the private studios of these three artists. Participants view a demon-

stration and partake in a discussion. Space is limited and each tour must be booked separately. Transportation is not included; directions are provided to registrants. The fee for each studio visit is \$20 per person (\$15.00 for Museum members). The schedule is as follows: Alan Goldstein in Point Pleasant, Pa. on Wednesday, December 17 from 1 to 3 p.m.; Paul Matthews in Lambertville on Friday, December 19 from 1 to 3 p.m.; and Paula Chamlee in Ottsville, Pa. on Friday, February 20 from 1 to 3 p.m.

"Shifting Ground" is the first exhibition for "Shift: Investigations in Contemporary Art," a new series of exhibitions, lectures and related programs that look at dominant themes in art history through the lens of contemporary artworks.

The James A. Michener Art Museum is located at 138 South Pine Street in Doylestown.



"DYRHDLAEY, ICELAND": Paula Chamlee's platinum print on paper can be seen from December 14 through March 1 along with work by Alan Goldstein and Paul Matthews in the upcoming exhibit, "Shifting Ground," at the Wachovia Gallery in The James A. Michener Art Museum in Doylestown, Pa.



"YOU CAN'T STEP IN THE SAME RIVER TWICE": This oil on linen by Paul Matthews will be on view in The James A. Michener Art Museum in Doylestown, Pa. from December 14 through March 1 in "Shifting Ground." Other artists are Paula Chamlee and Alan Goldstein.



"SCHOLAR'S GARDEN": This oil on paper by Alan Goldstein will be on view in The James A. Michener Art Museum in Doylestown, Pa., from December 14 through March 1 in "Shifting Ground," along with work by Paula Chamlee and Paul Matthews.

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"ABOVE THE RIVER": This oil on wood by Alyssa Devlin is from her "New Works" exhibit at Hrelna Jonsdottir Gallery, 24 Bridge Street in Lambertville, where it will run from December 12 through January 9. For more information, call (609) 397-3274.

"Imagined Landscapes" At Bernstein Gallery

The Bernstein Gallery will be presenting "Imagined Landscapes," photographs by Ernestine Ruben, from December 15 through February 13. There will be a reception open to the public on December 19 from 6 to 8 p.m. With this latest body of work on the Chinese landscape, the photographer continues to experiment with new concepts and techniques as they apply to the medium of photography.

"Imagined Landscapes" are images that were inspired by several trips to China by Ms. Ruben over the past two years. Invited to lecture, attend workshops, and exhibit her work, the artist took time during her visits to travel the countryside with a young University student who acted as her assistant and translator. The outcome of these travels was a focus on the environmental degradation of China's landscape. The impact of pollution became a rich source for visual inquiry and art making for the artist.

Commenting on the impact of pollution on a landscape "still full of beauty and poetry," Ms. Ruben writes, "I decided I would intervene as an artist. Where there was pollution, I would inject clean air. Where there was decomposition, I would repair and further deconstruct." By combining photography with painting, drawing and digital imaging, she has composed mysterious landscapes of China's countryside and rural villages.

Ernestine Ruben is internationally known through extensive exhibitions, books, and workshops. After photographing the human body for years, she is focused now on landscapes and architecture. Her work is included in many major museums and private collections. Published work includes, *In Human Touch: Photographs by Ernestine Ruben; Ruben on Rodin; and Ernestine Ruben: A Retrospective Exhibition of Photography*. She lives and works in Princeton, New Jer-



"CRISS CROSS": This photograph by Ernestine Ruben can be seen in her exhibit, "Imagined Landscapes," at The Bernstein Gallery in the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs from December 15 through February 13, with a reception open to the public scheduled for December 19 from 6 to 8 p.m.

sey and New York City.

The Bernstein Gallery is part of the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. For further information, call Kate Somers at (609) 497-2441.

"Sparks of Splendor" Come to Jewish Center

"Sparks of Splendor: Portraits of Jewish Women From East to West," a new collection of color photographs by Rabbi Joshua Eli Plaut will be shown at the Princeton Jewish Center, starting Sunday, December 14. A reception will be held on that day between 2:30 and 4:30, to which the public is invited.

Containing color images of Jewish girls and women from around the globe, the exhibit comprises photographs that are 20 inches by 24 inches digital C prints. The Silk Road and Uzbekistan cities of Bukhara, Shakrisabz, and Samarkand are represented, as are portraits from New Zealand, Greece, Turkey, the American South, and Israel.

Intimate portraits of Bukharan Uzbek women are included, along with those of unique religious rites. Portraits of young girls eagerly learning Hebrew in the last days of the Soviet Union stand contrast with the woman standing in Martyr's square in Minsk, Poland. According to Rabbi Plaut, the photos demonstrate the importance of the role of women in Jewish cultural life and their ever-evolving and increasing role in religious life. These images represent 25 years of his photoethnographic projects worldwide. Throughout that time, he has been traveling the world and documenting cultural scenes, street and market life.

A historian, scholar, and photoethnographer, Joshua Plaut is currently the executive director of the American Friends, Rabin Medical Center in New York City. He is the author of the upcoming book *Silent Night? Being Jewish at Christmastime in America* by Rutgers University Press and of *Greek Jewry*

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Two-Person Show At Coryell Gallery

The Coryell Gallery, at the
Porkyard, 8 Coryell Street in
Lambertville, is currently pre-
senting a special Holiday Ex-
hibition featuring Joanne S.
Scott and George Van Hook;
the show will be on view
through January 11.

Joanne Scott, who works in
watercolors and acrylics has
said, "This exhibit is devoted
to the island of Monhegan, an
island twelve miles off the mid
coast of Maine, a soul-place
where I have summered and
painted for 30 years. What
drew me there was its diver-
sity of landscape and the vast
opportunity for inspiration.
I am delighted to have this

chance to share my love for
this magic place which has
given so much to me over
these many years."

Ms. Scott has attended
the Boston Museum School,
Rhode Island School of De-
sign and received a BFA at
the Maryland Institute of Art
majoring in printmaking. Re-
siding in New Jersey in the
mid 1980s, she painted, made
prints with her large etching
press, served as president of
the Printmaking Council of
New Jersey, and helped to
establish another community
art center. Now a resident of
Maryland, she has had many
exhibitions throughout the
East Coast, winning awards
at the Baltimore Museum and
the Corcoran Gallery of Art,
in Washington D.C., as well
as the Garden State Water-
color Society and the Mary-
land Federation of the Arts.
She has also written books
of poetry.

George Van Hook, who
resides in Cambridge, New
York, is a plein-air painter
whose landscapes depict sea-
sonal activities of farm life in
upstate New York and New
England and the lure of coast-
al Maine. Working in oils and
watercolors he derives inspira-
tion directly from the people,

places and objects he paints.
He prepares all his own linen
canvases which he stretches
and coats with gesso or rab-
bit skin glue and oil ground.
He orchestrates his day from
early morning hours until the
setting sun, using each inter-
val of changing light to work
a painting over the course of
several days. His style has
been described in terms of
the lavish pigment he uses
to celebrate life's quiet and
pleasurable moments, which
recall the 19th century opu-
lence of similar scenes by
William Merritt Chase and J.
Alden Weir depicting people
at ease in rooms or out of
doors.

Mr. Van Hook has a BA
in Art from Humboldt State
University, Arcata, California
and has studied in France and
Italy. The recipient of many
awards, his paintings are in
numerous corporate, public
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works have been exhibited in
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need among her artist friends
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port, and help each other grow
as artists. Group members are
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Beck, Kathy Franklin, Amineh
Modarressi, Corrine O'Hara,
and Barbara K. Suomi.

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"READING IN THE STUDIO": this oil painting by George Van Hook can be seen a special Holiday
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Area Exhibits

The Arts Council of Princeton is holding its annual two-week holiday show and sale of works of art and fine crafts by local artists, "Sauce for the Goose," from December 6 through December 20, in the Taplin Gallery at the new Paul Robeson Center for the Arts.

ARTWORKS on Stockton Street in Trenton is hosting its final exhibit of the year, "Old's Cool: An Assemblage of Assemblage Artists," curated by Glenn Moore, through December 27.

The Bernstein Gallery at the Woodrow Wilson School will be presenting "Imagined Landscapes," photographs by Ernestine Ruben, from December 15 through February 13. There will be a reception open to the public on December 19 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Brodsky Center Gallery, The Heldrich, 10 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick, is presenting "Sacred Spaces," an exhibition of 80 photographs by Mary Cross, which will run through January 4. The subjects are wall paintings and mosaics found in ancient churches, monasteries, and mosques located in Greece, Cyprus, and Turkey.

Bucks County Gallery of Fine Art (formerly Howard Gallery) at 77 West Bridge St. in new Hope, Pa., is presenting an exhibit

featuring oil paintings by Annapolis Maryland Artist Christine Graefe Drewyer through December 31.

The Coryell Gallery at 8 Coryell Street in Lambertville is presenting a special holiday exhibition of the work of Joanne S. Scott and George Van Hook through January 11.

The D&R Greenway Land Trust at One Preservation Place in Princeton is presenting "A Brush With Nature," an exhibition featuring works by 50 members of The Garden State Watercolor Society, which will run through January 9 in D&R Greenway's Marie L. Matthews Gallery. The show is free and open to the public during business days, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Firestone Library on the Princeton University campus is presenting "Sketching Their Characters: 150 Years of Political Cartoons From Andrew Jackson to George H.W. Bush," which will be in the library's Milberg Gallery until Sunday, January 4. A new exhibition, "Egypt Unveiled: The Mission of Napoleon's Savants," will be on view in the main gallery from Sunday, December 21, through Sunday, May 10.

The Gallery at Chapin is presenting "In the Now," work on canvas, glass, and found object by Fay Sciarra, through December 12. The gallery is open during school hours. For further information, call (609) 924-7206.

The Gallery at Mercer County Community College is presenting "A Light

Without...A Light Within," featuring work by Robert Beck, Joseph Gyurcsak, and Kyle Stevenson, through December 18.

Gallery 14 in Hopewell is presenting "Paranormal Perfumery" featuring the work of Martha Weintraub through December 21; in the Small Gallery, the photography of Karen Johannesen.

Grounds for Sculpture is presenting "A Twist of Art" featuring William Smith, on view through December 31. Three exhibitions of contemporary sculpture are open to the public through April 26: "Inspired Visions," exhibiting the work of Allan Houser, "Visions of the Mind," displaying sculptures by Michael Naranjo, and the International Sculpture Center's 2008 Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture Awards. New Additions Outdoors in the sculpture park include works by Carol Feuerman, Mike Gyampo, Gloria Vanderbilt and Autin Dean Wright. For more information, visit www.groundsforsculpture.org.

Gruss Center of Visual Arts at the Lawrenceville School is presenting "The Philly Father's Project," a collection of works by artist Daniel Heyman, on view through December 17.

The Historical Society of Princeton, located in Bainbridge House at 158 Nassau Street in Princeton, is presenting "Stand Up, Speak Out: Princeton's Citizens Find Their Voice," through July 5. For more information, call (609) 921-6748 or visit www.princetonhistory.org.

The James A. Michener Art Museum at 138 South Pine Street in Doylestown is presenting "Saving Face: Portraits from the Collection of Robert Infarinato," from now through March 15. The exhibit features portraits of celebrities, including Marilyn Monroe, Matisse, and Picasso, by photographers such as Ansel Adams, Robert Capa, Henri Cartier-Bresson, and Man Ray. An exhibition of welded bronze sculptures by Philadelphia artist Barry Parker will be on display as part of the ongoing Outdoor Sculpture Program through March 1. "Shifting Ground: Contemporary Landscapes by Paula Chamlee, Alan Goldstein and Paul Matthews," will be on view in the Wachovia Gallery from December 14 through March 1.

The last show before the New Hope branch of the Michener permanently closes is "Claus Mroczynski: Sacred Places of the Southwest," which includes 49 black and white photographs of Native American ruins and Southwest landscapes. The exhibition is on view in the Della Penna Gallery through February 1.

The Jane Vorhees Zimmerli Art Museum in New Brunswick is presenting "Dark Dreams: The Prints of Francisco Goya, A Selection from the Collection of the Arthur Ross Foundation," an exhibition of 100 prints demonstrating Goya's technical and creative achievements as a printmaker, through December 14. "Pop Art and After: Prints and Popular Culture" is also on view through December 14. The Zimmerli is located at 71 Hamilton Street on the College Avenue campus of Rutgers University in New

Brunswick.

Mariboe Gallery and The Community Arts Partnership at the Peddie School (CAPP) in Hightstown will be presenting an exhibition of photographs by José Ruiz and Nick Guilbert, from December 12 to January 3.

Mercer County Library, Lawrence Branch, 2751 Brunswick Pike, Lawrenceville, is presenting "Voices for the Marsh 2008-09," a juried photography exhibit, from through January 5. The show celebrates the plants, wildlife, habitats, and vistas found at the Hamilton-Trenton-Bordentown Marsh. The opening reception will be held on Thursday, December 11, from 4 to 6 p.m.

Morven Museum & Garden is presenting "Picturing Princeton 1783: The Nation's Capital" through January 11. For more information, call Morven at (609) 924-8144, ext. 106. Free parking is available.

The New Jersey State Museum at 205 West State Street in Trenton is celebrating the first phase of its re-opening with "Culture in Context: A Tapestry of Expression," featuring pieces from more than two dozen New Jersey artists.

The Present Day Club at 72 Stockton Street in Princeton will be presenting "Coastal Moods," an exhibit of acrylic and watercolor paintings by Kate Leigh Cutler (formerly Katie Bogle) through December 31. The Club is open weekdays except Wednesday from 10 to 4 p.m.

Princeton Day School's Anne Reid '72 Art Gallery is hosting "Nibbling the

White Cube," in which nine artists challenge the limitations implicit in the concept of the "white cube" that typifies the modern art gallery. The exhibit will continue through December 12.

The Princeton Jewish Center will be showing a new collection of color photographs by Joshua Eli Plaut, Rabbi and Ph.D., starting Sunday, December 14. A public reception will be held on that day between 2:30 and 4:30 p.m.

The Princeton University Art Museum is presenting "Strangers in a Strange Land: Chinese Art from the Imperial Palaces" through December 14. "Jasper Johns: Light Bulb," through January 4; "Frank Gehry: On Line," through January 4; and "Félix Candela: Engineer, Builder, Structural Artist," through February 22. "Body Memory," which features 20th- and 21st-century works of art that focus on the body as subject, medium, or expressive device, will run through January 4. For information about the museum's Art for Families program for children ages 5-9, call University Ticketing at (609) 258-9220.

Riverrun Gallery at The Laceworks, 287 South Main Street, Lambertville, will be presenting "Recent Paintings by Sven Widen and Lizzi Schipper" through January 5.

Small World Coffee at 14 Witherspoon Street is hosting a special sale of handmade artwork from COLLAGE, a collective of local women artists, on Friday, December 12, from 4 to 9 p.m. Sale items will include: jewelry, wearable

art, accessories, textiles, book arts, mixed media and photography.

The Trenton City Museum at Ellarslie Mansion will be hosting an exhibit of works from New Jersey toy-maker, J. Chein and Company through March 22.

The University Medical Center at Princeton is presenting an exhibit featuring the watercolors of Karen Bannister and Alice Warshaw, which will run through January 14. This exhibit may be viewed daily in the University Medical Center Dining Room from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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The Beatles' White Album at 40 — "Magical! Unparalleled! Truly Rare!"

Forty years after John Lennon sang "Mother Superior jump the gun" in a song dripping with drugs and sex and rock 'n' roll cynicism, the Vatican newspaper L'Osservatore Romano and Vatican Radio have not only announced a rationale for his widely misinterpreted 1966 statement that the Beatles were "more popular than Jesus" ("a boast by a young man grappling with sudden fame"), they have officially acknowledged the 40th anniversary of the the White Album, praising its music for being more "creative" than the "standardized, stereotypical" songs being produced today. With Rome weighing in — a proclamation from on high — how can I not celebrate that record?

Loud and Clear

When the White Album, formally titled *The Beatles*, was released in the U.S. on Monday, November 25, 1968, Barack Obama was seven years old and living in Indonesia, and Richard Nixon had been elected president, thanks in great part to Vietnam, the earthquake the Beatles were the epicenter of, and the assassination of Robert Kennedy.

The New York stations were already playing the album when we turned on the bedside radio that Monday morning. Imagine hearing "Back in the U.S.S.R." loud and clear for the first time. What a lift, the sound of that jet scream of pure energy shaking the wooden frame of our little Sony clock radio at so dispiriting and traumatic a time, with the country torn apart and about to be further polarized by Nixon, Agnew, and company. The play on U.S./U.S.S.R. gave the number topical clout, but it needed no message (decades later we'd learn how deeply "Back in the U.S.S.R." affected Soviet youth, some of whom are running the country today). Better still, the song that followed Paul McCartney's message of headlong rock and roll jubilation was John Lennon's "Dear Prudence," a passionately sung and played anthem to life and light that made a fitting sequel to "Hey Jude," the saviour of the summer of '68 whose endless ecstasy of an ending has been called "the Sistine Chapel of rock 'n' roll" (speaking of the Vatican), especially if you listen with headphones.

Within days I found myself writing a letter to the New York Times scolding them for polluting their pages with a sloppy, clueless put-down of the album by one Mike Jahn, whose name shall forever live in infamy. A few days later, after what must have been a torrent of letters like mine, the Times ran a worthy appreciation by Richard Goldstein.

The Negatives

Okay, let's consider the downside of this four-sided monster. It's true that the recording sessions were fraught with conflict, angst, and resentment, that the group was coming apart, and that the album might have been even better had the best of it been packed onto one disc instead of two. The only other negative I can think of at the moment is the Manson connection, which grew out of the mind-set perpetuating the rumor that Paul McCartney had been killed in an auto accident in 1966. The rumor came to achieve a mystique of its own, with people close-reading lyrics and suspicious noises at the ends of certain tracks, looking for clues and codes (like "I buried Paul" at the end of "Strawberry Fields Forever"). Since so many incitable and excitable members of the vast audience were inclined to imagine that the Beatles were seers, what with their almost unimaginable influence worldwide, it's no wonder that a two-bit Svengali like Charles Manson would find hints of apocalypse

in a beautiful song like "Blackbird," cues for murder and mayhem in "Piggies" and "Helter Skelter," and evil innuendoes in "Revolution 9." Though the Paul-is-dead hysteria had died down a bit by the time *The Beatles* came out, the group was still teasing the purveyors of that exercise in inventive mass paranoia with songs like John Lennon's "Glass Onion" ("Well here's another clue for you all/The walrus was Paul") and in the big, fold-out lyric insert, on the other side of which was a pastiche of photos headed by one of Paul looking dead, face up in a pool of soapy water.

The dynamic driving the album's first two numbers sounds no less potent now than it did 40 years ago, even with the bonfire of surface noise created by four decades of heavy playing. Other sequences that encapsulate the magic are the Side

solutes are (again) "Back in the U.S.S.R." and "Dear Prudence," along with "While My Guitar Gently Weeps" (with Eric Clapton doing an uncredited turn, Harrison-style, in Harrison's epic lament); "Happiness Is a Warm Gun" (wherein Lucy in the Sky comes down to earth and jumps the gun); "Martha My Dear" (Mozart would approve); "I'm So Tired" (Lennon's gritty sequel to *Revolver*'s "I'm Only Sleeping"); "Blackbird" (Keats and Mozart would approve); "Why Don't We Do It in the Road" (Paul's rock DNA in eight words); "Julia" (said to be about Yoko as well as John's mum); "Mother Nature's Son" (Schubert and Thoreau would approve); "Everybody's Got Something to Hide Except for Me and My Monkey" (a clanging five-alarm fire engine of a song); "Sexy Sadie" (with the glory of its stately, march-time middle

further complicating the mixed message of "Revolution 1" ("count me out/in") and the hard-rocking mixed message of the original "Revolution" that preceded it as the B side of "Hey Jude." And look what else you lose. Paul's "I Will" is expendable only because it shows signs of trying for melodic perfection rather than simply being perfect and beautiful, like "Blackbird," "Mother Nature's Son," and "Martha My Dear." Maybe we could live without the terminally infectious "Ob-La-Di, Ob-La-Da," but why do we have to? Paul's "Rocky Raccoon" and John's "Bungalow Bill" may be throwaways compared to the gems, but they make a nice pair of story songs. Anyway, when a whole industry has evolved from bootlegging and giving legitimate release to just about everything the Beatles ever did, why draw the line at two such characteristic John/Paul flights of fancy? The point of a big album, like a big novel, or any work of art on the grand scale, is to give the illusion of something as big and various as life.

I still haven't mentioned the other losses, including three songs by George, whose compositions on *Revolver* were far superior to these three and who a few years later would produce an indisputably great double record set in *All Things Must Pass*. Between "Piggies," which seems snide and small, and the chug-chugging saxes of "Savoy Truffle," the song I'd miss most is "Long Long Long," which closes Side 3 on a note of hushed serenity that echoes the yearning quality "Julia" brings to the end of Side 2.

So, what's left? "Birthday" is a terrific rocker if not quite up to the standard of "Back in the U.S.S.R.," while the straight version of "Honey Pie" on Side 4 sounds as if it's been salvaged from the music hall hope chest that gave us Sgt. Pepper's "When I'm 64." But take it off and you lose one of those nifty album-to-album references that make the Beatles a world unto themselves. As far as that goes, "Glass Onion" would deserve a place even if John claims that it was "tossed off" as bait for Beatles scholars and portent mongers. It also helps that it's performed with his inimitable force and feeling. And with a singer as great as Lennon, there's no such thing as "tossed off." Having said that, the one cut I'll admit to skipping over now and again is "Yer Blues," a screamer that can't compare with Lennon's singing on other songs, especially "Happiness Is a Warm Gun," his inspired blending of EuroPop, roadhouse blues, doo-wop, and *The Naked Lunch*. Which brings us finally to Ringo's "Don't Pass Me By," which, like "Good Night," could be justified if only because Ringo's lovably unaffected singing seems downright refreshing when it's surrounded by so much virtuosity. Like every one of his few recorded songs, it has the special goofy charisma he brought to the Beatles dynamic (remember the funny guy who stole *A Hard Day's Night* and was the true protagonist of *Help!*), in addition to being an amazingly adept and tasteful drummer.

The entry for *The White Album* on Wikipedia is worth checking out. I didn't know that the title was at one time going to be *A Doll's House*, nor that it has outsold all the other Beatles albums. It's safe to say that it may also prove to be the only rock album ever recommended by the Vatican, whose "review" proclaims it "a magical musical anthology: 30 songs you can go through and listen to at will, certain of finding some pearls that even today remain unparalleled A listening experience like that offered by the Beatles is truly rare." "Magical! Unparalleled! Truly Rare!" A-men.

—Stuart Mitchner



ONE IN FIVE MILLION, give or take 4,627,280, this being the cover of the reviewer's copy of *The White Album*, complete with smudges, 40 years of ringwear, and the cosmetic embellishment to bring out the lettering of the title. According to various sources, it was Paul McCartney's idea to stamp each copy of the first issue with an individual number, as if "The Beatles" were a limited edition of five million. Number 0000005 just sold on eBay for £19,201.

Two grouping of McCartney's brisk and buoyant "Martha, My Dear" with Lennon's drugged out "I'm So Tired" moving into the sublime with McCartney's "Blackbird." Or the threesome at the end of the same side where McCartney's wild, instant rock classic, "Why Don't We Do It in the Road?" segues into his almost too-too lovely love song, "I Will," which is matched by Lennon's hymn to his dead mother, "Julia." All three songs are essentially solo numbers, typical of the every-man-for-himself recording environment. But like everything else in the album, the playing is strong and the music coheres, the raw meshing with the tender, lust with sorrow.

The Absolutes

Given the fact that almost everyone who loves the album can cite songs they could live without, and that both George Harrison and producer George Martin thought that a single fantastic album could have been sculpted from the double set, it might be helpful to see if it's possible to separate the con'ts from the cans. For me, the ab-

eight supporting Lennon's sweet send-up of the Maharishi); "Helter Skelter" (a great, mad, bludgeoning rollercoaster thundering off the rails when heavy metal was only a gleam in the devil's eye); "Cry Baby Cry" (the most haunting song on the album: "with voices out of nowhere/Put on specially by the children for a lark"); and "Good Night" (if only because Ringo's doing the singing and it's the perfect lights-out, we're-all-together-now closer).

The Others

After putting together a magnificent LP with that bunch, you'd still have enough left over for an album most mortal groups would be happy to give their name to. But consider what would be lost. The indispensably enigmatic, adventurous ambience of *The Beatles* would be violated if you took away "Revolution 9," an extended and much-maligned soundscape that has no redeeming melodic or rock and roll value but that creates something moody and ominous harking back to "Tomorrow Never Knows" on *Revolver* and "A Day in the Life" on Sgt. Pepper while



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"Salute to Vienna" In New Brunswick On New Year's Eve

Solute to Vienno, billed as "the World's Greatest New Year's Celebration," will return to New Brunswick's State Theatre with a brand new program on Wednesday, December 31 at 6 p.m. Tickets range from \$45 to \$125.

Solute to Vienno is an official representation of the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra's Neujahrskonzert (New Year's Concert), one of the most popular artistic performances in the world. The event is broadcast live to approximately 1.2 billion viewers across the globe from Vienna's famous Musikverein concert hall each New Year's Day.

Each *Salute to Vienna* performance involves a cast of more than 75 musicians, dancers, and singers from Europe and North America saluting Johann Strauss Jr. The program includes arias and duets from Strauss operettas such as *Die Fledermaus* and *The Merry Widow*, and dances such as the *Blue Danube Waltz*.

Joining the show for the New Year's Eve performance in New Brunswick will be soprano Ingeborg Schopf, tenor Michael Baba, and conductor Sascha Goetzel, as well as The Strauss Symphony of America and dancers from the Vienna City Ballet.

In addition to the performance, there will be a special New Year's Eve Party hosted by the State Theatre at The Heldrich hotel across the street from the theater. The New Year's Eve party, from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m., will feature a live band, dance floor, open buffet, open bar, and a wide-screen New Year's Eve countdown live from New York City. The event is a fundraiser for the nonprofit State Theatre; a portion of each ticket will be tax-deductible. The party will begin at The Heldrich hotel immediately after the *Solute to Vienna* performance.

For more information on the party, or for tickets, call (732) 247-7200, ext. 512 or visit www.StateTheatreNJ.org.

Early Music Ensemble Plans Museum Concert

The Princeton University Art Museum will present its annual concert by the early music ensemble Engelchor Consort this Sunday, December 14 at 1:30 and 3 p.m. Specializing in medi-

eval and Renaissance music, the Consort will perform "Music from the Hapsburg Courts, 1450-1550" in the museum's main galleries. The concerts are free and open to the public.

The Hapsburgs were the ruling families of Spain at a time when Spain was the only European great power, and also of Austria, where the dynasty reigned for six centuries. The Consort's program will explore music from the courts of five rulers who lived during the hundred year span from 1450 to 1550: Charles the Bold, Maximilian I and his wife Mary of Burgundy, their son Philip the Handsome and his wife Joanna the Mad, Margaret of Austria, the daughter of Philip and Joanna, and Margaret's nephew, Charles I of Spain who became Charles V, Holy Roman Emperor.

The varied program will include a musical battle by Isaac with snare drum, a setting of *Ave Regina Coelorum* by Obrecht for voice and violas da gamba, a fantasy on the tune *Tondernoc*

for five recorders by Senfl, and a song celebrating good wine by Juan Ponce, among others.

In keeping with the tradition of the Engelchor Consort, the concert will end with an audience participation piece.

The Engelchor Consort, Princeton-based, consists of five Princeton area women who have been performing together for more than 20 years at events ranging from lectures at area schools and colleges to their annual concert at Princeton University. The Consort members are Mary Benton, Patricia Hlafter, Betty Horn, Sue Parisi, and Mary Elizabeth Stewart. They will be joined by Henry Horn, narrator, and Tony Parisi, baritone.

For more information, call the museum at (609) 258-3788 or visit artmuseum.princeton.edu.

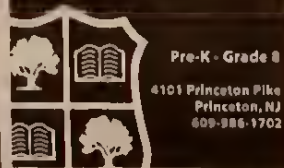
The Princeton University Art Museum is located in the center of the Princeton University campus next to Prospect House.



CONSORT CONCERT: The Engelchor Consort — from left, Mary Elizabeth Stewart with a bass recorder, Sue Parisi with a bass krumphorn, Elizabeth Horn with a tambourine, Patricia Hlafter with a viola da gamba, and Mary Benton with a harp — will perform this Sunday, December 14 at 1:30 and 3 p.m. at the Princeton University Art Museum. The concerts are free.

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Pro Musica to Perform "Messiah" in Trenton

Princeton Pro Musica will perform Handel's *Messiah* on Sunday, December 14, at 3 p.m. at Patriots Theater in the Trenton War Memorial. Frances Fowler Slade, Pro Musica's founder and music director, will conduct the chorus, orchestra, and a cast of soloists including Christine Brandes, soprano; Elena McEntire, mezzo-soprano; Steven Brennfleck, tenor; and Christopher Burchett, bass.

Now celebrating its 30th anniversary, Princeton Pro Musica first performed *Messiah* in 1982 at the War Memorial. Since then, the acclaimed *Messiah* performances have become a central New Jersey tradition.



Christine Brandes

Noted for her crystalline voice and superb musicianship, Ms. Brandes' repertoire ranges from 17th century masterpieces to newly composed works. Last season, she performed the Mozart *Requiem* with the Handel and Haydn Society and Bach's *St. Matthew Passion* with Music of the Baroque. She has also recently performed with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, San Francisco Symphony Orchestra, Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, Philadelphia Orchestra, and Los Angeles Philharmonic. She will also

perform Handel's *Messiah* with the National Symphony Orchestra shortly after her Princeton Pro Musica appearance.



Elena MacEntire

Ms. MacEntire has also received acclaim for a wide range of styles. She has performed the title role in *Carmen* with Opera in the Heights and Eolo in Vavalli's *Giosone* at the Aspen Music Festival. She was a winner of the American Art Song Competition and Vienna's AWA Hannah Adler Music Award. An avid concert artist and recitalist, she has appeared in San Francisco's Herbst Theater and with Jazz at Lincoln Center.

Mr. Brennfleck has been acknowledged as a young singer with great potential by some of the country's top vocal competitions: Classical Singer Magazine's *Aud-Comps*, The Marion Anderson Prize for Emerging Classical Artists, and the Metropolitan Opera National Council. His concert appearances have included Honneger's *King David*, the American premiere of Caldara's *Maddalena* of *Piedi di Christo* with the Princeton Baroque Orchestra, J.S. Bach's *Magnificat in D*, and Britten's *Cantata Misericordium* and Mozart's *Requiem* conducted by Joseph Flummerfelt.

Mr. Burchett has sung with

Glimmerglass Opera, the New York City Opera, and the Opera Orchestra of New York. This season he will sing Vaughan Williams' *Fantasia on a Christmas Carol* with the New York Choral Society. He has won numerous competitions, including awards from the National Federation of Music Clubs, and American Bach Society/Bethlehem Bach Festival.

Tickets are \$45, \$38, and \$25, with group rates available. To order, call (609) 683-5122 or visit www.princetonpromusica.org.

Brentano Strings Offering Free Richardson Concert

The Department of Music at Princeton University will present the Brentano String Quartet this Friday, December 12, at 8 p.m. in Richardson Auditorium. The performance is free but tickets are required by calling University Ticketing at (609) 258-9220.

Works to be performed include Schoenberg's *Ode to Napoleon for Reciter*, Pionio, & String Quartet, Wuorinen's *Second Piano Quintet*, Bach's *Capriccio on the Departure of his Most Beloved Brother*, and Beethoven's *Grosse Fuge* for String Quartet.

The Brentano String Quartet, now the Edward T. Cone Performers in Residence at Princeton, has traveled widely throughout the U.S., Canada, Europe, Japan, and Australia. It has performed in Carnegie Hall and Alice Tully Hall in New York, the Library of Congress in Washington, the Concertgebouw in Amsterdam, the Konzerthaus in Vienna, Suntory Hall in Tokyo, and the Sydney Opera House. Its members are Mark Steinberg, violin; Serena Canin, violin; Misha Amory, viola; and Nina Maria Lee, cello.

For the Richardson concert, the Quartet will be joined by pianist Peter Serkin and baritone Richard Lalli.

Mr. Serkin, well known to

classical audiences, maintains an active performing career. He began music studies with his mother, the daughter of violinist and composer Adolf Busch. In 1958, at age eleven, he entered the Curtis Institute of Music; in 1959 he made his debuts at the Marlboro Festival and in New York City. An avid proponent of the music of 20th and 21st century composers, he has given many world premieres, including works written for him by Toru Takemitsu, Peter Lieberman, Oliver Knussen, and Alexander Goehr. He has performed with many of the world's major orchestras and collaborated with Yo-Yo Ma, Alexander Schneider, Pamela Frank, and the Guarneri, Budapest, and Orion String Quartets.

Mr. Lalli is an adjunct professor of music at Yale University, where he has taught since 1982. He has recently been named Artistic Director of the Yale Baroque Opera Project, which is funded by the Mellon Foundation and introduces undergraduates to historical, theoretical, and performance aspects of seventeenth-century Italian opera. He has appeared around the world as a singer, having given solo recitals at Wigmore Hall, the Spoleto Festival USA, the National Gallery of Art in Washington, Merkin Hall in New York, Salle Cortot, and the U.S. Embassy in Paris.

Princeton Symphony Gets \$195,000 Grant for BRAVO

The Robert Wood Johnson 1962 Charitable Trust has pledged a three-year grant totaling \$195,000 to support the small-ensemble portion of Princeton Symphony Orchestra's music education program BRAVO. The program

(Bringing Renowned Artists for Valuable Outreach) introduces children in area schools to classical music and the symphony orchestra through live, free performances.

"We extend our deepest appreciation to Betty Wold Johnson and the Robert Wood Johnson 1962 Charitable Trust for this remarkable gift," said PSO Executive Director Melanie Clarke. "The Trust's generous financial underwriting of BRAVO since the mid 1990s has been transformational, allowing PSO musicians to become dedicated partners in music education throughout our region. BRAVO has introduced the Orchestra to thousands of children and contributes to young people's understanding of art as well as their own development as performing artists."

Funded entirely by the Trust since the mid-1990s, BRAVO presents 80 to 90 small ensemble performances and instructional workshops annually in 30 area elementary schools, reaching up to one hundred students at each performance. In the workshops, PSO musicians teach children about the orchestra's instruments in four different

presentations, each featuring one of the instrument families — brass, winds, strings, and percussion. The programs are designed to inspire interest in learning to play an instrument and to prepare students for the concerts they are invited to attend each spring.

BRAVO small ensemble programs are offered to public, private, and special need schools. For some students the programs are the only classroom music instruction they receive and for most students it is their first exposure to classically trained professional musicians.

The schools that participate in the BRAVO small ensemble program enjoy longstanding relationships with the orchestra and PSO musicians. Many of the schools offering the program, from Trenton to New Brunswick, have been served continuously for more than a dozen years. BRAVO is offered free of charge. Last season, 5,000 students enjoyed Prokofiev's *Peter and the Wolf* in orchestra concerts at Richardson Auditorium and the State Theater in New Brunswick.

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Devin Mariman

**Christmas Music Concert
At Westminster on Sunday**

Westminster Conservatory's Community Chorus and Chamber Choir, conducted by Devin Mariman, will present "Nativitas: An Evening of Christmas Music from Around the World" this Sunday, December 14 at 7:30 p.m. in Bristol Chapel at Westminster Choir College.

A highlight of the program will be Respighi's *Lauda per lo Nativita del Signore* (Laud to the Nativity). Composed in 1930, the cantata is written for an eight-part mixed chorus, soloists, and a chamber ensemble of woodwinds and piano.

Mr. Mariman is in his 11th season as conductor of the Westminster Community Chorus and his 8th as founding conductor of the Westminster Community Chamber Choir. He has conducted Handel's *Messiah*, the Duruflé *Requiem*, Honegger's *King David*, and Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana*. He is also an adjunct assistant professor of voice at Westminster Choir College and chorusmaster for the Westminster Conservatory's Children's Opera. He received a Bachelor of Music degree in voice from Bradley University and his Master of Music degree in choral conducting and voice and vocal pedagogy from Westminster Choir College. As a baritone soloist, he has appeared locally in recital and is a founding member of the early music ensemble *Fuma Sacra*.

The Westminster Community Chorus performs a wide variety of accompanied and unaccompanied choral music and collaborates frequently with the Westminster Community Orchestra. Works performed by the choir have included the Monteverdi *Vespers of 1610*, portions of Handel's *Messiah*, Beethoven's *Mass in C*, Mozart's *Great Mass in C minor*, Honegger's *King David*, Vaughan Williams' *Dona Nobis Pacem*, *Carmina Burana* by Carl Orff, the Duruflé *Requiem*, and Poulenc's *Gloria*. In April, the chorus performed Haydn's *Lord Nelson Mass* and *Rejoice in the Lamb* by Benjamin Britten.

Now in its eighth season, the Westminster Community Chamber Choir complements the Westminster Community Chorus as a select ensemble that performs music especially suited to a smaller choir — motets, madrigals, and other works.

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BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND: The Eric Mtnfel Quartet, which packed the house for a tribute concert to Dave Brubeck last year, is returning by popular demand for a holiday concert at the Princeton Public Library this Sunday, December 14 at 3 p.m. The program will include pieces from Vince Guaraldi's "Charlie Brown's Christmas" album and Mr. Mtnfel's recently released album "Ground Breaker," in addition to other jazz standards. Mr. Mtnfel has performed his "Millennium Suite" for orchestra and jazz quartet with symphony orchestras throughout the country. He played at The White House for President Clinton and recently opened for Dave Brubeck at Philadelphia's Kimmel Center. He is seen here (at bottom) with acoustic bassist Dave Antonow, left, saxophonist Nelson Hilt, and drummer Dave Mohn. The Library concert will be free.

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Suzanne Bertish

"Mrs Warren's Profession" Discussed at Library

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Written in 1893, the play, about a 19th century woman who turns to prostitution to support a comfortable life, scandalized audiences in its time. At its American premiere in 1905, the New York City Police Department stopped the production and arrested everyone involved in it.

Ms. Bertish, a former member of the Royal Shakespeare Company, appeared in their marathon eight-and-a-half-hour version of Dickens' *The Life and Adventures of Nicholas Nickleby*. She was also seen in the BBC production of Shakespeare's *The Comedy of Errors*, and recently had a recurring role in the cable television series *Rome*.

Emily Mann has been artistic director of McCarter for more than a decade, directing about two dozen productions, including her award-winning adaptation of Sarah L. Delany and Elizabeth Delany's *Hoving Our Soy*. In addition to receiving the Hull-War-

riner Award for the stage production of the play she received a Peabody Award for her screenplay of the work, which aired on CBS television. Ms. Mann is a recipient of two Obie Awards, and has been nominated for the Outer Critics Circle and Drama Desk awards. The McCarter Theatre was recipient of the 1994 Tony Award for Outstanding Regional Theatre.

The McCarter Live at the Library series brings the principals of upcoming performances at the theater to the library for discussion sessions. Playwrights Edward Albee, Christopher Durang, and Beth Henley, directors Garry Hines and Ruben Santiago-Hudson, members of artistic and management teams of the Martha Graham Dance Company, and actress Blair Brown are among the those who have appeared in the series, which continues on February 26 at 7:30 p.m., when director Rebecca Taichman will discuss Shakespeare's comedy *Twelfth Night*.

"Avner the Eccentric" To Appear in Skillman

The Montgomery Performing Arts Center has scheduled Avner the Eccentric in his new show *Exceptions To Gravity* as part of its Family Fun Time Series this Saturday, December 13 at 7 p.m.

One of a breed of entertainers known as "new vaudevillians," Avner defies simple classification because he combines numerous skills with characters that pull audiences into the performance in a comical way.

Avner is perhaps best known for his portrayal of The Jewel, the scene-stealing holy man in *The Jewel Of The Nile*, starring Michael Douglas and Kathleen Turner. He was also featured in the film *Brendo Storr* and the television series *Webster* and *Mothnet*. His one-man show, *Avner the Eccentric*, played for more

than a year on Broadway. Said ABC-TV's Joel Siegel, "Avner the Eccentric is a brilliant comic. I laughed for two solid hours, even though the show lasted only an hour and a half." Avner co-starred with the Flying Karamazov Brothers in Lincoln Center's production of Shakespeare's *A Comedy of Errors*. He then returned to Broadway for a principal role in *Ghetto* playing a ventriloquist — a role for which his dummy received a TONY nomination.

A show of comic predicaments, *Exceptions To Gravity* has toured extensively throughout the U.S. and abroad. In addition to his performance schedule, Avner has taught master classes in clowning and eccentric performing in the U.S., France, Germany, Finland, Belgium, Japan, and Spain.

Tickets are \$25 for orchestra seats, \$20 for loge seating. They may be purchased online at www.MontyPac.org or by phone at (800) 595-4TIX. Tickets may also be purchased at Montgomery High School from 1 to 3 p.m. on schooldays. For information or directions call (609) 466-7194.

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ALBEE BACK: A pair of sea lizards contemplate life and evolution in Edward Albee's Pulitzer Prize winning comic drama "Seascape," continuing through December 21 at the Heritage Center, 635 North Delmorr Avenue in Morrisville, Pa. The show brings the lizards together with a human couple to discuss how their lives are similar and different, prompting the question, "Which is the higher life form?" Pictured from left are Vicky Czarnik of Hopewell as Sarah and Brian Campbell of North Wales as Leslie in the Actors' NET of Bucks County production, directed by Joe Doyle. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$17 for seniors, and \$10 for children under 13. Performances are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 6 p.m. For tickets, call (215) 295-3694 or visit www.actorsnetbucks.org.

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Biopic Describes Rise of Legendary Record Company

After Lejzor and Fiszal Czyz's family came to the United States from Poland in 1928, their parents changed the family's surname to "Chess" and started calling their boys "Leonard" and "Phil." By the late forties, the siblings had achieved their American Dream by establishing themselves in the liquor business when they opened up a number of bars and nightclubs in the black community on the South Side of Chicago.

The majority of the performers who were booked into their nightclubs were musicians from Mississippi who played the delta blues. Recognizing the commercial potential of the music style, the brothers founded a record company that signed such promising artists as Muddy Waters, Howlin' Wolf, Little Walter, Bo Diddley, Sonny Boy Williamson, and John Lee Hooker.

This was the birth of Chess Records, an industry giant which made a mark on the music business for a quarter of a century. During that time the company also ventured into R&B and jazz by recording artists such as Chuck Berry, Etta James, James Moody, Lou Donaldson, Yusuf Lateef, and Aretha Franklin.

Distilling the rise and fall of Chess Records into a two

hour melodrama meant that the movie would focus on the more sensational aspects of its past. Consequently, many of the company's less colorful and controversial characters — including some cultural icons — ended up by being given little or no attention. Instead, the film focused on the more spectacular personalities that were signed by the company.

Written and directed by Darnell Martin, *Cadillac Records* presents Leonard (Adrien Brody) as the driving force behind Chess Records, while portraying the contribution of Phil (Shiloh Fernandez) as little more than an historical footnote. In the movie, Leonard is a flamboyant character who roamed through the South on the Chitlin' Circuit in a Cadillac convertible, searching for black musicians who were eager to become famous, and having them sign unfavorable contracts.

He apparently gave each victim a key to a flashy Cadillac as a signing bonus, but later cheated them out of their royalty payments if their songs became hits.

In his personal life, Len was unfaithful to his wife (Emmanuelle Chriqui) and had affairs with his protégé, Etta James (Beyoncé), and others.

Additional subplots revolve around hot-headed Little Walter (Columbus Short) who has run-ins with an impersonator, the police, and his band mate Muddy Waters' (Jeffrey Wright). The tawdry story in which Chuck Berry (Mos Def) is put in prison for having sex with a minor is also in the film.

However, the most memorable parts of the picture are the classic tunes that are actually sung, not lip-synced, by the gifted cast. Highlights include Beyoncé's rendition of "At Last," "Maybelline" by Mos Def, "Hoochie Coochie Man" by Jeffrey Wright, "My Babe" by Columbus Short and "Smokestack Lightning" by Eamonn Walker as Howlin' Wolf. If you are willing to overlook the liberties that are taken with the facts, such as the omission of Aretha Franklin, who recorded her very first album with Chess Records in 1956, *Cadillac Records* provides a nostalgic trip down memory lane.

Excellent (★★½). Rated R for sexuality, ethnic slurs, and pervasive profanity. Running time: 109 minutes. Studio: TriStar Pictures.

—Kam Williams



JUST SIGN ON THE DOTTED LINE: Leonard Chess (Adrien Brody) would drive his flashy black Cadillac convertible through the South and sign promising black artists to his record company, Chess Records. Unfortunately, the contracts were not favorable to the artists, however, Leonard would sweeten the deal by giving the signees a brand new Cadillac as a signing bonus.

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AT THE CINEMA

Australia (PG-13 for violence, sensuality, and profanity). A romance drama, set at the beginning of World War II just before the bombing of Darwin by the Japanese, chronicles the love relationship which blossoms between a genteel heiress (Nicole Kidman) and the rough-hewn rancher (Hugh Jackman) who helps her drive a herd of 2,000 head of cattle to market across hundreds of miles of unforgiving terrain. Aborigines in the cast include David Gulpilil, Brandon Walters, and David Ngoombujarra.

Balt (PG for mild action and scenes of peril). Disney animated adventure about a German Shepherd TV star (John Travolta) who discovers he doesn't really have any superpowers after being accidentally shipped from Hollywood to New York City when he has to embark on a humbling cross-country trek home with the help of a cat (Susie Essman) and a hamster (Mark Walton). Voice cast includes Miley Cyrus, James Lipton, Malcolm McDowell, and wrestler Randy Savage.

The Boy in the Striped Pajamas (PG-13 for mature themes). Holocaust drama about the 8-year-old son (Asa Butterfield) of a concentration camp commander (David Thewlis) whose forbidden friendship with a Jewish boy (Jack Scanlon) interned on the other side of the fence leads to devastating consequences.

Cadillac Records (R for sexuality and pervasive profanity). Historical drama chronicles the rise of the legendary record company founded in Chicago in the fifties by Leonard (Adrien Brody) and Phil Chess (Shiloh Fernandez), siblings who roamed the south in search of promising talent, and discovered such future musical greats as Muddy Waters (Jeffrey Wright), Etta James (Beyoncé), Chuck Berry (Mos Def), Howlin' Wolf (Eamonn Walker), and Willie Dixon (Cedric the Entertainer). With Emmanuelle Chriqui, Columbus Short, Gabrielle Union, and Eric Bogosian.

A Christmas Tale (Unrated). Dysfunctional family drama about an aging mathematician (Jean-Paul Roussillon) married to a melancholy playwright (Catherine Deneuve) whose reunion over the Christmas holidays with their three adult children, in-laws and grandkids proves to be fraught with feuding, infidelity and overindulgence in holiday spirits. In French with subtitles.

The Day the Earth Stood Still (PG-13 for violence and disaster images). Keanu Reeves stars in this remake of the 1951 sci-fi classic about an alien who arrives on Earth with an indestructible robot to issue a dire warning for humanity about living in harmony with nature. Ensemble includes Jennifer Connelly, Kathy Bates, John Cleese, and Jaden Smith.

Doubt (PG-13 for mature themes). Faith-based drama, set in the Bronx in 1964, about a nun (Meryl Streep) serving as a Catholic school principal who becomes suspicious about her parish priest's (Philip Seymour Hoffman) motivations when he takes a special interest in her first black student (Joseph Foster). Cast includes Viola Davis and Amy Adams.

Four Christmases (PG-13 for profanity and sexual humor). Family comedy, set in San Francisco, about an unhappily married couple (Vince Vaughn and Reese Witherspoon) forced to spend the holidays with several sets of relatives after their plans for an exotic getaway are ruined when the fog rolls in. Cast includes Robert Duvall, Mary Steenburgen, Dwight Yoakam, Tim McGraw, Jon Voight, Sissy Spacek, Jon Favreau, and Kristin Chenoweth.

Frost/Nixon (R for profanity). Ron Howard directs this screen adaptation of the Tony-winning Broadway play recounting the series of television interviews conducted by British talk show David Frost (Michael Sheen) with Richard Nixon (Frank Langella) in 1977, three years after the disgraced U.S. President resigned from office in the wake of the Watergate scandal. Supporting cast includes Toby Jones, Kevin Bacon, Oliver Platt, and Sam Rockwell.

Happy-Go-Lucky (R for profanity). Romance drama about a Pollyannaish school teacher (Sally Hawkins) who finds her cheery optimism tested when she starts taking driving lessons from a cynical instructor (Eddie Marsan) who has anger management issues.

I've Loved You So Long (PG-13 for smoking and mature themes). Drama about the readjustment to real life of a recently paroled ex-con (Kristin Scott Thomas) with the help of her younger sister (Elsa Zylberstein) after spending 15 years in prison for the murder of her 6-year-old son. In French and English with subtitles.

Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (PG for mild crude humor). Animated adventure finds the colorful menagerie of domesticated New York zoo animals again struggling to survive in the wilds of the African jungle. Voice cast includes Cedric the Entertainer, Sacha Baron Cohen, Jada Pinkett Smith, Chris Rock, David Schwimmer, Ben Stiller, Will I Am, Tommy 'Tiny' Lister, and the late Bernie Mac.

Nothing Like the Holidays (PG-13 for drug references, mature themes, and sexual dialogue). Dysfunctional family comedy about three Puerto Rican siblings (John Leguizamo, Vanessa Ferlito and Freddy Rodriguez) who reunite at their parents' (Alfred Molina and Elizabeth Pena) home in Chicago for a turbulent Christmas vacation marked by the revelation of a big secret leading to a reordering of life priorities.

Punisher: War Zone (R for pervasive violence, profanity, and drug use). Ray Stevenson takes over the title role from Thomas Jane in this sequel as the vigilante superhero of comic book fame who is now waging a one-man war against an organized crime syndicate run by a vicious mobster known as Jigsaw (Dominic West).

Quantum of Silence (PG-13 for sexuality, violence, and intense action sequences). Daniel Craig returns for his second go-round as James Bond for a mission which pits 007 against a diabolical villain (Mathieu Amalric) bent on controlling one of the world's most critical natural resources. Cast includes Dame Judi Dench, Jesper Christensen, Jeffrey Wright, Olga Kurylenko, and Gemma Arterton.

Rachel Getting Married (R for profanity and brief sexuality). Anne Hathaway stars in this family drama about a substance abuser who checks out of rehab for the weekend to attend her sister's (Rosemarie DeWitt) very eventful wedding. With Debra Winger, Bill Irwin, and Anna Deavere Smith.

Role Models (R for nudity, profanity, sexuality, and crude humor). Sean William Scott and Paul Rudd co-star in this shock comedy as slackers sentenced to 150 hours of community service as mentors to a couple of impressionable youngsters (Christopher 'McLovin' Mintz-Plasse and Bobb'e J. Thompson).

Slumdog Millionaire (R for violence, profanity, and disturbing images). Romantic comedy, set in Mumbai, about an 18-year-old street urchin (Dev Patel) who becomes a TV contestant on India's version of *Who Wants to Be a Millionaire* not for the money but to win back the heart of the girl (Freida Pinto) of his dreams. In English and Hindi with subtitles.

Synecdoche, New York (R for profanity, sexuality, and nudity). Philip Seymour Hoffman stars in this drama about an unhappily married theater director's struggle to balance women and work while recreating a replica of New York City in a warehouse as a set for his latest play. Cast includes Catherine Keener, Samantha Morton, Hope Davis, Emily Watson, Dianne Wiest, and Michelle Williams.

Transporter 3 (PG-13 for violence, intense action, sexuality, and drug use). High-octane adventure with Jason Statham returning as the gruff, two-fisted chauffeur on a mission where he falls in love with the kidnapped daughter (Natalya Rudakova) of a powerful Ukrainian politician (Jeroen Krabbé) while driving her from Marseilles to Odessa through a gauntlet of mob goons.

Twilight (PG-13 for violence and sensuality). Horror film revolving around the unlikely romance which arises between a beautiful young woman (Kristen Stewart) and a mysterious immortal vampire (Robert Pattinson) irresistibly lured by her primal scent.

—Kam Williams

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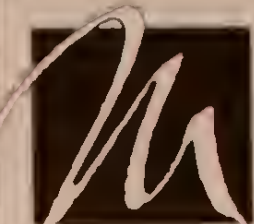
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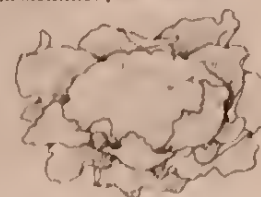
from Princeton's kitchens

Pasta and Cauliflower

by Dante Mazzeo, Whole Earth customer

This cauliflower recipe was inspired by one my Sicilian grandmother used to prepare. However, I've come to learn that there are as many cauliflower and pasta recipes as there are Sicilian grandmothers! Tagliatelle or penne are generally the favored pasta choices. I add a little more texture, try whole-wheat pasta or even farro pasta. Some recipes call for adding a little chopped tomato or tomato paste, which I don't in mine. While the substitution of toasted breadcrumbs for cheese is quite common the further south you travel in Italy, grated Pecorino Romano is very tasty in this dish as well. It is best to have all of your ingredients prepped so that you can prepare the cauliflower while the pasta is cooking.

1 pound dried pasta
Olive oil
2 large garlic cloves, thinly sliced
1 medium onion, finely chopped
1 medium to large cauliflower, trimmed of leaves and stem, florets separated and stemmed, then cut into ½ inch-thick flat pieces
½ cup golden raisins
½ cup pine nuts, toasted
1-½ cups chicken stock
½ cup breadcrumbs, toasted
Parsley, rough chopped
Salt, pepper and cayenne to taste



Bring a large pot of water to a boil and cook pasta as recommended.
Heat olive oil in a large saute pan over medium heat. Add garlic to infuse the oil and begin to lightly color. Add onion and cook until it begins to soften and lightly color, about 3 to 5 minutes. Add cauliflower, raisins and pine nuts, mixing to incorporate and coat.
Raise the heat and add stock. When it begins to boil reduce to simmer. Cover and slowly simmer until the cauliflower is fork tender but not too soft, about 10 minutes. Add drained pasta and cook over medium heat for about 3 to 5 minutes, tossing until heated through. Add parsley, mixing to combine, and season to taste.
Transfer to individual serving bowls, garnish with additional parsley and toasted breadcrumbs or grated cheese if preferred. Serve family style or include as a side portion on the entrée plate.

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"It is something I take pride in; something that didn't really start until last year," said Schroeder, a native of Drake, Sask.

"I wanted to do something special to help the team win. It is definitely an ability I have developed. You have to time it right. Back in juniors, I broke a couple of fingers doing it but usually I just get minor bumps and bruises."

Schroeder's suffocating defensive style helped the Tigers break down Quinnipiac 4-1 last Wednesday as the Tigers rode a three-goal outburst in the second period to end the first half of the season on a high note.

The victory lifted No. 8 Princeton to a 10-2 overall record and was the Tigers' ninth win in their last 10 games. Princeton has 14 points in ECAC Hockey play with a 7-1 league record, tying it with Cornell

for first place.

Topping Quinnipiac not only sent the Tigers into the holiday break with some good cheer, it also got them on track after a disappointing 6-4 loss to Mercyhurst in the championship game of the RPI Tournament.

"We definitely wanted to get a win going into the break," said Schroeder, who has five assists on the season to go with his numerous blocked shots.

"Even more important than a win was to prove to ourselves that it was just a one-game lapse against Mercyhurst and that we could bounce back and play the way we know we are capable of."

For Schroeder and the Tigers, playing up their capabilities started with their play in the defensive end.

"Against Mercyhurst we gave up 10 odd-man rushes which is uncharacteristic for us," said Schroeder, who has helped the Tigers give up an average of just 1.6 goals a game so far this season.

"We definitely clamped down tonight. I think through two periods we had only given up one. It was definitely a focus to clamp down and give them nothing. They are a good offensive team."

Princeton showed its high-powered offense against Quinnipiac as it exploded for three goals in a 8:44 stretch in the second period after the Bobcats knotted the game at 1-1.

"I think we have proven all year that we can bounce back from situations like that," asserted Schroeder.

"We've been down before. We have let teams back in but we have been mentally tough enough to shut the door after that."

Princeton head coach Guy Gadowsky likes the way Schroeder shuts the door on the Tigers' foes.

"If you are a hockey connoisseur; you just love Brad Schroeder," said Gadowsky, noting that Schroeder has brought his teammates to their feet on the bench several times this year with shot blocks.

"He does the little things that make you love hockey and know that it's a tough



BLOCKBUSTER: Princeton University men's hockey junior defenseman Brad Schroeder, right, goes after the puck in action earlier this season. Schroeder's skill at blocking pucks has made him one of Princeton's most valuable defenders.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

game. He excels at everyone of those things."

Against Quinnipiac, Princeton benefited from the excellent play of the line of Mike Kramer, Mark Magnowski, and Matt Arhontas, who accounted for all three of Princeton's second period goals.

"They got it going; what you have there are three quick players who are not only quick with their feet but quick with their minds," said Gadowsky.

"I think they just had it clicking and the puck was just moving. When they get like that, they are tough to handle. They exploded a little bit; they have been playing well all year."

Junior forward Magnowski has been playing well for Princeton for three seasons now.

"Mags is one of those guys who is consistent at both ends; he is a guy that constantly seems to chip away," said Gadowsky of the Winnipeg, Man. native who leads the Tigers in scoring with 11 points on six goals and five assists.

"He is also a guy who always plays well in his own end. He not just consistent offensively; he is a consistent hockey player. When he is paired with guys who can move the puck like Pokey [Arhontas] and Kramer; he certainly fits very well with that."

Gadowsky certainly wanted to see his team go into its break with a victory. "We have had a decent start but if you lose two in a row, that would negate all of this," said Gadowsky, whose team isn't in action

again until it hosts No. 14 Minnesota State on December 29.

"The guys really had a goal to finish up strong. I thought, for the most part, they played 60 minutes."

With Princeton enjoying one of its best stretches in years, Gadowsky hopes the extended layoff won't cause the team to lose its edge.

"We have a few big injuries and we would love to have guys back," said Gadowsky, whose team has been without the services of rugged junior forward Cam McIntyre due to injury.

"It's a double-edged sword. We are playing pretty well right now but at the same time it would be nice to have some depth in our lineup. They are very committed athletes so we don't expect anything like that."

In Schroeder's view, the team's commitment to conditioning will help it keep on track when it returns to action.

"We would love to keep going; any time you are playing well you want to keep it going," said Schroeder.

"The rest will always do you good. We have a few bumps and bruises so we will come back even stronger. I think this is where our mental toughness will come in. Everyone is really dedicated to staying in shape and staying focused so I think this will be good for us."

And with a little rest, Schroeder should be primed to rededicate himself to perfecting the art of blocking shots.

—Bill Alden



MAKING HIS MARK: Princeton University men's junior forward Mark Magnowski heads up the ice in a game earlier this season. Last Wednesday, Magnowski had a goal and two assists to help eighth-ranked Princeton top Quinnipiac 4-1 in the Tigers' final outing before their holiday break. Princeton ended the first half of the season at 10-2 overall and 7-1 in ECAC Hockey play, good for a first place tie with Cornell.

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With Foster Emerging as Key Playmaker, Tiger Women's Hockey Making Progress

In her role as alternate captain of the Princeton University women's hockey team, Christine Foster looks out for her teammates.

"The responsibility is that you can't just think about yourself; you have to think about everyone else on the team," said the senior forward from Burlington, Ont.

"You have to make sure that everyone is feeling good and has a lot of confidence. You need to get the team going for big games; that kind of stuff. You have to think more outside of yourself."

Foster has been getting the Tigers going by finding her teammates around the net, having piled up five assists in Princeton's last three games.

Despite her recent surge, the 5'7 Foster doesn't look at herself as a big-time offensive player.

"I don't have that great a scoring touch so when I play with people who can put the puck into the net, I can rack up some assists," said Foster, who notched three assists last Friday in Princeton's 6-0 win over vis-

iting Union. "I am definitely more of a two-way player."

Foster has enjoyed getting the chance to play on the same line with classmate Annie Greenwood, who is back on the ice after missing Princeton's first 10 games and notched two goals in the win over Union.

"Annie has really great offensive talent," said Foster, who has 11 points on the season with three goals and eight assists. "When you play on the same line with her, your point totals are going to go up."

Princeton wasted no time putting up scores in the win over Union, scoring two goals in the first 1:14 and building a 3-0 lead by the end of the first period.

"Last year when we played them I don't think we scored until the second period," said Foster. "The goalie just shut us down for the first period so it was good. The first five minutes kind of gets the bench into the game. The first shift was really aggressive and that really helps."

Princeton head coach Jeff Kampersal likes the way Foster has been helping his team's production.

"Christine has been carry-

ing her line, doing a good job," said Kampersal, whose team fell 3-2 to Rensselaer last Saturday to move to 6-7-1 overall and 4-5 in ECAC Hockey play.

"She is definitely a playmaker; she's got a lot of smarts and a lot of vision. She's always been a great defensive player; now she is stepping it up this year and bringing the offense."

Kampersal liked the way his team brought the offense early and often in the victory over Union.

"Union has gotten a lot more feistier and they are well coached so we were fortunate in those first two shifts to really attack them," said Kampersal.

"That's our plan every game, to make a significant difference in the first five minutes. We played well; we didn't get caught in making bad habit mistakes. We possessed the puck well and got it to the net. The defensive players did a good job of jumping up when they should; they did a good job of moving their feet overall."

Sophomore defenseman Laura Martindale was moving her stick pretty well against Union, tallying two goals and an assist, thereby scoring twice as many goals in one game as she had accumulated in the first 42 games of her career.

"Marty as a d-man is as solid as they come," added Kampersal, whose team plays a two-game set at Minnesota-Duluth on De-

cember 13-14 before going on holiday break.

"She's smart, really tough and rarely makes mistakes. She's a stalwart back there and it was nice for her to get some offense."

With Princeton having gone 4-2-1 in its last seven games, Kampersal sees some nice things on the horizon for his team.

"The overall is getting better; we are getting healthier," said Kampersal.

"We are not quite there yet with the health. We are getting to the point where we are getting everybody back and contributing. We have a tough road to go because we are on the road for the

majority of our games."

Foster believes the Tigers can be tough in the second half of the season. "We knew at the beginning of the season that there was going to be a learning curve," said Foster.

"I feel right now that we are on the upswing and we have a lot of confidence in the team so it's good. In the beginning, it was a little rough but now that we are going, it's better for sure. The offense hasn't been a problem and we have one of the best goalies in the league. We've got all the tools to do some damage later on."

—Bill Alden



NICE SETUP: Princeton University women's hockey star Christine Foster looks for a teammate in Princeton's 6-0 win over Union last Friday. Foster notched three assists in the win. The senior alternate captain from Burlington, Ont. Now had eight assists on the season, third best on the Tigers.

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BOARD GAME: Princeton University women's hockey player Melanie Wallace controls the puck off the board last Friday in Princeton's 6-0 win over Union. A day later, Wallace tallied a goal and an assist but it wasn't enough as the Tigers fell 3-2 to Rensselaer. Princeton, now 6-7-1 overall and 4-5 in ECAC Hockey action, plays a two-game set at Minnesota-Duluth on December 13-14 before going on holiday break.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

LEGALFORUM

Selling a Home from a Decedent's Estate

It's not uncommon for an executor or administrator of an Estate to find that the decedent has left a house which needs to be sold by the Estate. In addition to the normal requirements for selling a house, there are some special issues to consider when the seller of real estate is the estate of a decedent.

Real estate held by a decedent's estate is subject to liens for the payment of any New Jersey Transfer Inheritance Tax, New Jersey Estate Tax, Federal Estate Tax and debts of the decedent.

The N.J. Transfer Inheritance Tax is a state tax imposed on the transfer of property made upon the death of a New Jersey resident and certain non-residents, or made by such a decedent in contemplation of death. N.J.S.A. 54:34-1 et seq. The Inheritance Tax lien lasts for a period of fifteen years following the date of death. N.J.S.A. 54:35-5. This lien is discharged when the tax is paid or a bond is given to the State. The N.J. Division of Taxation issues a tax waiver which is then recorded in the county clerk's office of the county in which the property is situated. Tax waivers can be obtained before a return has been audited by the State upon submission of the estate's inheritance Tax return and payment of an amount deemed sufficient by the inheritance Tax Bureau of the N.J. Division of Taxation.

New Jersey also imposes an Estate Tax on estates of resident decedents dying after December 31, 2001 if the gross value of the estate exceeds \$675,000. N.J.S.A. 54:38-1 et seq. A New Jersey estate may be subject to the N.J. Estate Tax even if it is not subject to the Federal Estate Tax. The

N.J. Estate Tax also becomes a lien against property. The N.J. Estate tax lien exists as a lien against the property as of the date of decedent's death until paid. N.J.S.A. 54:38-6. This lien can be discharged in the same manner as the N. J. Transfer Inheritance Tax lien by the issuance of a tax waiver from the N. J. Division of Taxation.

The Federal Estate Tax may be imposed on estates in the amount of \$2.0 million for decedents dying in 2008 (\$3.5 million commencing 2009). The Federal Estate Tax becomes a lien on the property in the estate for ten years from the date of death. I.R.C. 6324 (a)(1). To discharge this lien, a Certificate of Release of Estate Tax Lien can be obtained from the IRS and recorded with the County Clerk in the county in which the property is located.

If a tax waiver or release of lien cannot be obtained prior to closing, the buyer's title company will frequently agree to escrow funds to cover any possible liability and to insure that the selling estate will obtain and record the waiver or release.

Finally, real estate of a decedent is liable for the debts of the decedent for one year after date of death. N.J.S.A. 3B:22-22. If the property is being sold within a year of decedent's death, the buyer's title company with generally require information concerning the assets and debts of the estate and a bond from the executor before agreeing to insure the property.

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Princeton Men's Hoops Drops Two Straight; Aims to Get Back on Track Against Rutgers

Last week, the Princeton University men's basketball team showed promise as it took a 24-23 first half lead over visiting South Carolina.

Unfortunately, Princeton was outscored 15-0 over the last 5:53 of the half on the way to absorbing an 84-58 thumping at the hands of the Gamecocks.

In assessing the loss, Tiger head coach Sydney Johnson reflected his anguish at the discouraging result.

"We got some shots that didn't go down; that's a key for us this year," said Johnson, reflecting on the program's most lopsided loss ever at Jadwin Gym.

"We really need to make shots to stay in the game; we went through a woeful stretch there. Obviously they were playing faster and the pace kind of overwhelmed us. If we were able to continue to make some baskets, it might've been a different picture at half. We came out at half and we were as bad as we've been. That was disappointing."

Five days later at St. Bonaventure, the Tigers had more shots go down in the first half, shooting 40.9 percent from the field as they built a 26-20 halftime lead.

Princeton clung to its lead for most of the second half and was up 44-41 with 6:37 left.

At the 4:37 mark, the game was knotted at 49-49. From that point on, however, the shots didn't drop for Princeton as it was out-

scored 11-4 on the way to a 60-53 setback.

While the loss left Princeton at 2-4 and in a two-game losing streak, Johnson did see progress. "We were different tonight," said Johnson, who got a season-high 10 points from senior co-captain Jason Briggs with sophomore Kareem Maddox also chipping in 10. "Not good enough but a step forward."

The Tigers did make progress in one area that has plagued them, making just 13 turnovers in the loss to the Bonnies, a big improvement over the 26 committed in the loss to South Carolina.

"It's hard to turn the ball over that many times and give our opponent that many second chances to hurt you," said Johnson after the South Carolina game. "I think it is things we can correct."

If the Tigers can correct some of the little things, they should be able to give local rival Rutgers (5-3) a battle this Wednesday when the Scarlet Knights make their biennial visit to Jadwin.

"I think that we do have promise but that is a scary word," said Johnson.

"We want to turn promise into reality; we want to be a good team. We do feel like we do have the potential to win some nice games this year."

A win over Rutgers would certainly be a nice one for Johnson and his players.

—Bill Alden

PU Sports Roundup

Princeton Wrestling Gives Ayres 1st Win

In a major breakthrough, the Princeton University wrestling team topped Franklin and Marshall 25-14 last Saturday, posting its first Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association (EIWA) victory since 2005.

It was also the first dual-match win in the tenure of Princeton head coach Chris

Ayres, who took over the Tiger wrestling program in 2006.

Winners for Princeton included Nikhil Pereira at 133 pounds, Dan Kolodzik at 141, Daniel Scotten at 149, Marty Everin at 157, Michael Alvarez at 165, Kurt Brendel at 184, and Zach Morse at 197.

Later in the day, Princeton fell 38-6 to Rutgers to move to 1-3 in dual match action.

The Tigers will host Merchant Marine, Delaware State, and Binghamton on December 13 before wrestling at Maryland on December 14.



ROUGH RIDE: Princeton University men's basketball senior co-captain Jason Briggs drives to the hoop in action earlier this season. Last Saturday at St. Bonaventure, Briggs produced one of the best games of his career, scoring 10 points with seven rebounds and three assists but it wasn't enough as Princeton fell 60-53 to the Bonnies. Princeton, now 2-4, hosts Rutgers on December 10.

(Photo by Stephen Goldsmith)



DOWNTIME: Princeton University women's basketball senior star Whitney Downs heads to the basket in action earlier this season. Last weekend at the Collier's International Classic in Berkeley, Calif., senior co-captain Downs rose to the occasion, scoring a career-high 24 points in a 75-53 loss to No. 3 Cal on Friday and then adding 15 a day later as Princeton fell 53-51 to St. Louis. She was named to the all-tournament team for her efforts. In upcoming action, the Tigers, now 3-4, host Monmouth on December 12 and Sacred Heart on December 14.

(Photo by Bill Alden for Sports Illustrated)

Tiger Swimmers

Excel at Big Al Meet

The Princeton University men's and women's swimming teams produced some superb performances last weekend as they hosted the Big Al Open at DeNunzio Pool.

The 22nd-ranked Tiger men's team challenged No. 5 Florida throughout the weekend, finishing second to the Gators in the team standings.

Princeton senior star Doug Lennox posted wins in the 100 and 200 butterfly races while Colin Hanna won the 400 individual medley. Lennox also helped Princeton to wins in the 200 medley relay and 400 free relay races.

As for the women, Princeton finished third in the team standings behind winner Florida and runner-up Utah. Princeton junior All-America swimmer Alicia Aemisegger set another DeNunzio Pool record, this time in the 200 fly. Earlier in the meet, Aemisegger set a pool record in the 400 IM. Jillian Altenburger also produced a highlight for Princeton, winning the 200 free.

The Princeton swimming teams will both be back in action when they host Dartmouth on January 25.

PU Men's Squash

Sweeps 3 Matches

The Princeton men's squash team completed a perfect New England weekend by sweeping both Williams and Bowdoin 9-0 last Sunday. Kimlee Wong picked up two wins on the day, including one at the No. 1 spot.

One day after beating Brown 9-0, Princeton opened Sunday with a 9-0 victory at Williams. Two-time Ivy League Player of the Year Mauricio Sanchez won at the No. 1 spot, while Wong, David Letourneau, and Kelly Shannon all followed suit with wins. The middle and bottom portion of the lineup also contributed with victories, and they matched that with a sweep of Bowdoin later in the day.

The Tigers, now 6-0 on the season, will next be in action when they compete in the Mayors Cup in New York City on January 25.

Princeton Men's Track

Steps Up at Invitational

David Solvenski set a freshman and a meet record providing a major highlight as the Princeton University men's indoor track and field team opened its season hosting the New Year Invitational at Jadwin Gym last Saturday.

In all, Princeton finished first in six of the events it entered, including: the 60 meter dash, the mile, high jump, pole vault, shot put, and weight throw.

Solvenski pole vaulted to 5.00 meters, or 16'4.75, to win the event and set his records.

Freshman Kashif Smith took first in the 60 meter dash, devastating his opponents with a time of 6.88.

In the middle distance action, Junior Ben White and sophomore Kyle Soloff were first and second in the mile.

In the high jump, no one could touch junior Justin Frick, who cleared 2.15

meters, or 7'0.5, for first place.

Junior Eric Plummer won the shot put. The Tigers dominated the weight throw, earning first, second and third-place finishes as senior Alex Pessala won, followed by sophomore Craig Pearce and junior Joel Karaczoff.

The Tigers will tune-up over the next four weeks and return to action on Jan. 9 at the Metropolitan Season Opener at the Armory in New York City.

PU Women's Track Has Big Invitational

Led by several freshmen standouts, the Princeton University women's track team performed well last Saturday in its annual New Year Invitational at Jadwin Gym.

In the sprints it was the freshman that led the Tigers. Eileen Moran finished second in the 60 meter dash with a time of 7.79, one second behind the winner, Jamie Walker of Rutgers. Danielle Glaser took third in the 300 meter dash, clocking in at 41.24.

In the 600 meters, senior Melissa Swigert led the Tigers with a second-place finish of 1:37.18. Sophomore Libby Bliss, a former Princeton high star, placed third at 1:37.61.

The Tigers won the 4x400 relay breezing by the competition. Freshman Sarah Houtmann began the relay, followed by Swigert, Moran and Glaeser taking the last leg. The foursome finished at 3:58.98 almost three seconds in front of second-place Rutgers.

Junior Liz Stevens took second in the high jump with a mark of 1.58 meters, and classmate Aundeah Kearney placed third in the long jump with a length of 5.40 meters.

Princeton swept the top three places in the pole vault. Freshman Lydia Arias was first, followed by senior Jessica Kloss and freshman Bianca Reo.

The Tigers will tune-up over the next four weeks and return to action on Jan. 9 at the Metropolitan Season Opener at the Armory in New York City.

Tiger Women's Squash Remains Undefeated

The return of sophomore Jackie Moss highlighted a big weekend for the women's squash team, which swept both Williams and Bowdoin last Sunday in Williamstown, Mass.

Moss, a key contributor for last year's national championship squad, had been ill during the preseason and wasn't able to play in the opening weekend. She returned to the No. 4 spot in the lineup and dropped only eight points in two matches.

The two-time national champions had little trouble with either squad and will enter the extended winter break with a perfect 6-0 record.

The Tigers will host their annual Constable Invitational on January 10-11.

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The National Hockey League's Columbus Blue Jackets finished the 2007-08 season with 34 victories and 80 points, most in the franchise's seven-year history, and they did it with a relatively modest payroll of \$36.26 million. Only problem was, that still didn't prevent the Blue Jackets from entering the 2008-09 season as the only

At age 19, Seattle's Kevin Durant was the runaway winner of the NBA Rookie of the Year Award for the 2008-09 season, in which he scored 1,624 points. But two other NBA players scored more points as teenagers. Any guesses? Cleveland's LeBron James posted 1,654 as a 19-year-old, while Denver's Carmelo Anthony put up 1,725 at the same age. On the flip side, at age 32, Denver's Allen Iverson averaged 26.4 points in 2007-08. Only two guards in league history have had a higher scoring average at an older age -- Jerry West, and of course, Michael Jordan, who did it three times at ages 33, 34 and 35.

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With Addition of Promising Freshmen, PHS Boys' Swim Team Has Versatility

Although the Princeton High boys' swimming team wasn't severely tested as it cruised to victory in its season-opener last week against Hightstown, the meet was still a valuable learning experience.

With a roster featuring several key freshmen, PHS knows it needs to get battle hardened in a hurry in order to be a force when state tournament time rolls around in February.

"It gave us an opportunity to see the new kids in a meet," said PHS head coach Greg Hand, reflecting on the 101-69 win over the Rams.

"We have a group of seven freshmen; it was good to see them race and work their way into competition. We want to integrate them as fully and quickly as possible."

Two of the Little Tigers' promising freshmen, Harun

Filipovic and Matt Kuhlik, made an immediate impact in the Hightstown meet. Filipovic won the 200 individual medley and 500 freestyle while Kuhlik placed first in the 100 free.

"Kuhlik is a sprinter and backstroke; he is stronger in the 50 and 100 than he is in the 200 and 500," said Hand, noting that four of his freshmen are year-round club swimmers.

"His backstroke is very quick, we see him being safely under a minute in several races this year. We haven't had that in a while. Harun looks more versatile; he has a solid individual medley and is a solid breaststroke. He swims club; he is an experienced kid."

Hand also expects a solid contribution from another freshman, Nick Zantal. "Nick is up there with Kuhlik and Filipovic," added

Hand. "He is a pure sprinter with a great attitude. He is a real hard-charging kid; he is excited to be part of the team."

PHS is excited to have seniors Alex Pelle and Alex Zantal providing leadership as senior captains.

"It is nice to assign leadership roles to them; they are leading a team with a few veterans and a lot of really young swimmers," said Hand.

"The two kids can see right now that they aren't going to have passive roles and just be involved in organizing things. They have an opportunity to help underclassmen learn what a competitive team is."

Sophomore standout Peter Deardorff figures to be one of the Little Tigers' top competitors this season.

"Peter swims year round and has had some very good swims in the last few months," said Hand.

"He is bigger and stronger than last year both from club swimming and dry land training. He is a much smoother butterfly. His 200 and 500 free times are already down from last year. I am expecting a lot of good things from him this season."

Hand is confident that his team can do some good things as the winter unfolds.

"From what we have seen already, this is a team that likes to race," asserted Hand, whose team swims at Steinert on December 11 before hosting WW/P-N on December 16.

"I think we will be in the top eight in power points in Central Jersey and we will get a berth in the state. I like our versatility; I like our attitude."

—Bill Alden

Dealing with Void Left by Graduated Stars, PHS Girls' Swimming in Rebuilding Mode

It was a quartet that leaves behind a legacy of wins and leadership for the Princeton High girls' swimming program.

The graduation of Kathleen Morrison, Jordan Shapiro, Paige Johnson and Elizabeth Cava has left a void in the PHS program.

The foursome capped their stellar careers last season by leading PHS to an 11-4 record and the Public B Central Jersey sectional title.

As PHS has gotten its 2008-09 season underway, there is a different set of expectations in the absence of last year's seniors.

"We are in a rebuilding process," said PHS head coach Greg Hand, whose girls' squad started the season with a 122-47 win over Hightstown last week.

"We haven't reloaded with a new class to replace the senior class. We need to construct a team of non year-round swimmers. We need to develop pride in improvement and the team."

PHS, though, does have some veterans on hand to instill the kind of team-first attitude exemplified by last year's seniors.

"We have terrific senior leadership," asserted Hand, whose senior captains are Rose Vuojolainen, Ally Momo and the Blick twins, Amanda and Carly.

"Regardless of scoreboard, they will make sure we will have great training efforts

and racing performances. The seniors are committed to training right, racing right, and creating the right climate. The older kids want to keep key elements of the program's tradition intact."

Junior star Victoria Cassidy looks poised to uphold the program's tradition of producing champion swimmers.

"Victoria is a wonderful high school swimmer," said Hand. "She does virtually all of her training with her club but has shown since freshman year that high school swimming is not secondary for her. She brings a lot of energy; she always races hard. She is technically one of the best swimmers we have seen in years. She wants a piece of our record board."

PHS is looking for a trio of sophomores — Kiersten Holswade, Katherine Rizk, and Rachel Boyce — to race hard this season.

"Kiersten is now a full-time high school swimmer; she is taking a year off from

her club," said Hand.

"She is a great trainer; she has a lot of strength and guts. She will take on any event and any opponent without fanfare. She will fill any spot that needs to be filled. Both Royce and Rizk are rowers in the fall and spring; each of them are substantially stronger this year. They understand what it means to work out hard. Rizk is better in 200 and 500 while Rachel will be good in the 50 and 100 races."

While Hand is realistic about his team's prospects in a transition year, he believes his swimmers can produce some special moments this winter.

"We may not win as many meets as in the past year," said Hand, whose team swims at Steinert on December 11 before hosting WW/P-N on December 16.

"In terms of internal measures of success, we will be successful. The key is how we take things. I hope we will have the power points to get a berth in the state tournament. That is a good goal for this team."

—Bill Alden



Z-FACTOR: Princeton High boys' swimming star Alex Zantal displays his freestyle form. Senior star and co-captain Zantal figures to be a key performer this winter for the Little Tigers. Last week, PHS opened its season with a 101-69 win over Hightstown. In upcoming action, the Little Tigers swim at Steinert on December 11 before hosting WW/P-N on December 16.

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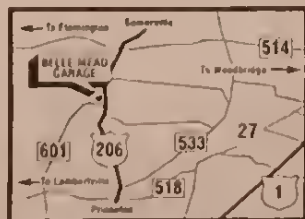


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PHS Boys' Ice Hockey Starts 0-3 But Shows New Depth, Feistiness

With just 7:46 gone in the first period last Wednesday, the Princeton High boys' ice hockey team found itself trailing Hun 2-0.

Last winter, PHS encountered a similar scenario and went on to fall 8-0 to the

Raiders.

This season, though, the Little Tigers are a different team and they showed it as they battled their way back into the contest at Ice Land Skating Center.

PHS got on the board

in the second period as sophomore Fraser Graham scored to cut the Hun lead in half. In the third period, the Little Tigers knotted the game at 2-2 as sophomore defenseman Dean DiTosto jammed a shot into the back of the net.

The veteran Raider team, however, responded with a goal as Geoff Rogers banged in a rebound. That score proved to be the margin of victory as Hun escaped with a 3-2 win.

After the tough loss, the PHS players slowly glided off the ice with their heads down.

Minutes later, PHS head coach Tim Campbell held his head high as he assessed his team's gritty performance.

"We are a fighting team; we never give up no matter what," said Campbell.

"We talked to them between periods saying I don't care what the score is we come out there like it is 0-0 and take it one

goal at a time, one shift at a time."

Hun head coach Francois Bourbeau noticed a new battling spirit in the Little Tigers.

"I think they have turned their program around; I think their team really gave me a tough time," said Bourbeau.

"They came out strong, they played really well. It's a different season and a different year."

Campbell, whose team opened the season with a narrow 4-3 loss to Steinert on December 1, likes his team's new strength.

"We were outscored 20-1 by these teams last year," said Campbell, whose team dropped to 0-3 on the season with a 7-3 loss to Hopewell Valley last Friday.

"We have lost two games by one-goal deficits. The scoreboard doesn't show it but we won a lot of little battles that we wanted to win tonight and last Monday. We are making progress."

One key reason for PHS' progress is the arrival of freshman goalie Josh Berger.

"It's a big sigh of relief," said Campbell. "I am a little biased. I have been around this game a long time and I haven't seen a freshman that quick. He's smaller obviously but he is up and down quick which is a real help for us. He doesn't give up a lot of rebounds; that comes with experience."

Benefiting from their experience last season, defensemen Dean DiTosto and Billy Ward are developing a solid partnership along the blue line.

"Between him and Billy Ward; they are really stepping up," asserted Campbell, who got two goals from DiTosto in the loss to HoVal.

"Dean's got a lot on his shoulders; he has been a leader since he was a freshman. People don't realize how much I am expecting out of Dean DiTosto as a sophomore. He's doing real well."

Forwards Jeff Goeke and Graham are doing well up front for the Little Tigers.

"I don't have a stopwatch but I know in a 45-minute game, those guys are getting upward of 35 minutes of ice time," said Campbell. "Although I am deeper than I was last year; we are still running them in a lot."

Campbell believes his team can make a nice run this winter. "We are almost there," maintained Campbell, whose team plays Steinert on December 10 and Nottingham on December 15 with both games slated to take place at Mercer County Park "We have got all the ingredients; we just have to put them all together."

—Bill Alden



CAMPBELL'S SDUP: Princeton High boys' hockey head coach Tim Campbell makes a point in PHS' 7-3 loss to Hopewell Valley last Friday. PHS, now 0-3, will look to get on the winning track when it plays Steinert on December 10 and Nottingham on December 15 with both games slated to take place at Mercer County Park.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)



DOUBLE O: Princeton High boys' hockey sophomore defenseman Dean DiTosto controls the puck last Friday in PHS' 7-3 loss to HoVal. DiTosto tallied two goals in the loss, giving him three in PHS's first three games.

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PHS Girls' Hockey Wins Opener; Focused on Constant Improvement

Jeff Schneider wasn't pleased with how his Princeton High girls' hockey team got out of the gate in its season opener last Wednesday against Pingry.

"I thought we came out a little flat," said second-year head coach Schneider, whose team was clinging to a 2-1 lead after one period.

The Little Tigers sharpened up after that, outscoring Pingry 4-0 in the second period on the way to a 7-1 victory.

"We started connecting," recalled Schneider. "We are getting offense from the defense out; we are really able to move the puck up the ice."

Senior defenseman and co-captain Maddy Sturm and freshman blueliner Keely Herring got things moving for PHS, scoring two goals apiece. Freshman forward Abby Hunter chipped in two as well with junior Gabby Vukasin notching a goal and two assists.



FAST START: Princeton High girls' ice hockey star forward Gabby Vukasin races up the ice in action last season. This past Wednesday, Vukasin tallied a goal and two assists as PHS topped Pingry 7-1 in its season opener. In upcoming action, PHS plays at Hill on December 10 before competing in the PDS Invitational from December 13-14.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

Schneider is expecting big things from newcomers Herring and Hunter. "Herring and Hunter are two impact freshmen," said Schneider, who will also be giving ice time to freshman Phoebe Rea.

"They have both played Nassau Hockey travel for a while; they can skate, pass, and score."

The Little Tigers should get some good scoring from its top line of Vukasin, junior Olivia Ray, and sophomore Allison Miezin.

"I see the three of them as a strong offensive unit," said Schneider, who guided PHS to a 10-11-1 record last year and a spot in the Women's Interscholastic Hockey League of Mid-Atlantic (WIHLMA) semifinals.

"Allison has made great strides. She was on the end of the bench last year and has worked hard to get better."

Others who will see time at forward include Hunter, senior co-captain Katie Carreno, sophomore Kelly O'Grady, and junior Jen Conover.

PHS senior goalie Olivia Bayles has made big strides, determined to end her PHS career on a high note.

"Olivia has been working hard and playing like she did this summer," added Schneider.

"This is her senior year and she wants to make it the best she can. We have two other goalies and she is taking them under her wing. As our experienced goalie, she has responsibility as our last line of defense and as a leader teaching the others the game."

In Schneider's view, his defensemen have plenty of game. "Maddy and Keely are a good pair; they really can get up the ice," asserted Schneider.

"Elizabeth O'Grady is a senior co-captain. Neta Nekash was our most improved player last year. The more work we

gave her on JV last year, the better she got. She can keep the puck in the zone with her skating and stick skills. Haley Andres is another captain and she fills out the defense; she is a tremendous leader for us."

The PHS roster has filled out nicely, with the program boasting solid numbers.

"We have 33 girls," said Schneider. "There are 14 returners and 19 new girls. We have eight new sophomores. There is a positive atmosphere around PHS hockey."

Schneider is hoping that the positive atmosphere will help inspire his players to reach their potential.

"We want to get the girls to be as good as they can be," said Schneider, whose team plays at Hill on December 10 before competing in the PDS Invitational from December 13-14.

"We have some tough tests in December, I think we have six games in 12 days. If we win, good. If we lose, that's alright as long as we are still learning. We will see these teams again. I want to see improvement from practice to practice and game to game."

—Bill Alden

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Led By Core of Battle-Tested Veterans, Hun Boys' Hockey Off to Solid Start

Steve Norman and the Hun School boys' hockey team faced an opening night gut check as they battled Princeton High last Wednesday.

After jumping out to a 2-0 lead in the early stages of the game, Hun found itself locked in a 2-2 nailbiter early in the third period.

Senior star Norman acknowledged that the Raiders felt a sense of urgency after PHS knotted the game with eleven minutes left in the third period.

"At the end there after their goal, the whole team just got fired up," recalled Norman.

Turning that urgency into production, Norman helped Hun break the tie. With just under four minutes left in regulation, the feisty forward fired a shot that rebounded to the stick of Geoff Rogers who slotted home the puck in what turned out to be the game winner in a 3-2 victory by the Raiders.

"Geoff and me have been playing together for the past two years; we have developed a good connection between each other," said Norman.

"We just knew instantly when we got on the ice without talking to each other that we were not going to get off the ice without scoring. We would not accept losing the puck. The best way to score a goal is to put it on net. When I took that shot, I saw Geoff in front and I just kind of threw it low. I was hoping somebody would get the rebound and I knew he would. Geoff was there and he managed to put it in successfully."

Norman acknowledged that Hun got a little overconfident when it jumped out to its early lead over PHS. "We did think it was

going to be one-sided," said Norman.

"[Coach] Bourbeau always goes against that; he always says no matter what team we play, you have to play your hardest. Sometimes we fall back on that a little bit but when it matters, we buckle down and do what we need to do to get it done."

While Norman was happy that Hun ultimately got it done, he realizes that the Raiders need to raise their level of play.

"We have an incredible amount of room to improve on," said Norman.

"We are at a very good level right now. We can definitely improve on the basics of passing, shooting on net, skating hard, and passing tape to tape."

As one of Hun's most experienced players, Norman feels a responsibility to set a good example for his teammates. "I do my best to inspire the players on the ice," asserted Norman, who helped Hun edge Academy of New Church 2-1 last Friday.

"I do my best to skate as hard as possible every single shift. If I don't, I feel as though I have let the other players down. I feel that when I do, it helps pick the team up. They want to do that little bit more; that little bit extra like taking one extra stride to get to the puck before the other guy."

Hun head coach Francois Bourbeau was happy with the way his veteran players gave a little extra down the stretch in the win over PHS.

"I think the veterans stepped up; they were more aggressive, more intense," said Bourbeau.

"We got our backs to the wall; I think that woke them up and made them

more intense. In the third period, we were more often in their zone and it showed. I think my guys played with a little more of their positioning; getting more opportunities."

Bourbeau's guys gave him some anxious moments as the game tightened up.

"With a two-goal lead, I think I was having the same idea as my players, getting too confident," said Bourbeau, noting that Hun beat PHS 8-0 last season.

"I was thinking about last year. They started coming back and then I got worried. My guys came out strong again; it was a good sign. I wish we had kept that lead so I don't die of a heart attack."

Hun senior goalie Travis Potts showed plenty of heart, thwarting several PHS scoring opportunities.

"He's the backbone of this team, I expect nothing less out of him," asserted Bourbeau of Potts, who made 56 saves in Hun's 2-0 loss to defending state Prep champion Morristown-Beard last Monday as the Raiders moved to 2-1 on the season. "He's my main goalie; he's always doing a great job. It was a normal game for him in my expectation."

Norman, for his part, is expecting Hun to build on the win over PHS.

"A win at the start of the season is definitely a good boost of confidence but especially a tough game like this that goes down to the wire," added Norman, who will look to help keep the Raiders on track when they play at LaSalle High on December 10 and then host Calvert Hall Academy on December 12.

"It will show us where we need to improve. We'll look at the tape and we'll see exactly what we need to do better and improve on."

—Bill Alden

Phillips Provides Stability in Backcourt As PDS Girls' Basketball Rolls in Opener

Raquel Phillips wasn't quite sure what to expect as the Princeton Day School girls' basketball team tipped off its season by hosting Solomon Schechter last Thursday.

"We have changed a lot since last year and even the year before," said junior guard Phillips. "We really tried to come into this game levelheaded."

The revamped Panthers kept their heads as they coolly dissected Solomon Schechter, building a 40-0 halftime lead on the way to a 64-14 romp.

Freshman guard Janie Smukler led PDS with 18 points with classmate Sarah Godwin and sophomore star Tiffany Patterson each chipping in 14.

Phillips, who contributed nine points, was impressed by the changes heralded by the addition of the team's trio of freshmen — Smukler, Godwin, and Molly Rubin.

"I don't remember that they are freshmen most of the time," said Phillips. "They blended in really well with the team from the beginning in preseason and practice. They have been flowing in with all the plays we have had the last two or three years. They fit in really nicely; it's like they have been here all along."

With PDS jumping out to a 23-0 lead after the first quarter, Phillips and her teammates got to work on a lot of plays.

"We have had some nagging injuries since the beginning of the preseason; we have been just working hard to get through those injuries," said Phillips, who starred this fall on the soccer field as the PDS girls' team won the state Prep B championship.

"It was not a scrimmage, but it was also nice to practice more things. Since we were up 40-0, the coaches said let's practice the other things we have."

It is nice for Phillips and PDS to have the towering 6'1 Patterson back in the post.

"I think she is going to get a lot more looks this year because we have more people who can pass the ball into her," said Phillips of Patterson, who aver-

aged more than 15 points a game last winter. "She is going to have another great season just as good if not better than last year."

Phillips, who is called "Rocky" by her soccer and hoops teammates, knows she has to be a rock of stability if PDS is to do better than the 12-12 record it posted last winter.

"It's a little weird; I guess I should be the calming presence here," said Phillips with a smile.

"I just remember being a freshman not too long ago and now I have to remember that I am one of the older people on the team. I have to step up as captain and as one of the people who has been playing varsity for the longest. It's a tough transition but I am trying as hard as I can."

PDS head coach Jessica Katz likes the leadership she is getting from Phillips. "To use a soccer term, Raquel is the sweeper on the court," said Katz. "She talks to the girls on defense. She talks to the girls on offense, telling them when to slow it down, when to pull it out. It's great to have her out there; it's her third year starting on varsity."

It was great for PDS to get an early lead and a chance to work out some kinks. "It took us a little while to get going, I thought," said Katz.

"We haven't had a chance to play even 5 on 5 yet because we have been plagued by injuries so it was really nice to let them get into their flow and find each other in the court. Our fast break looked great, our shooting looked great. We

had six of our eight girls scoring which was great."

Katz liked the way her freshmen got into the flow right from the start. "I'd say the freshmen fit in pretty well," said a grinning Katz.

"We had two of them as our leading scorers so that counts as pretty well for me. It is nice because two of them played together for the last two years (Smukler and Godwin) and then Sarah played with Tiffany on AAU."

Patterson's work this summer showed on opening night. "Tiff has always been great," said Katz.

"She has become a much better passer; I would argue sometimes that she passes too much. She has got great hands, she has great moves. This year she is going to be really drawing the defense a lot so it's nice that we have answers for that this year with our outside shooters."

With PDS slated to play at George School on December 9 and at Rutgers Prep on December 13, Katz hopes her team will keep coming up with the right answers.

"The girls feel pretty good about themselves right now and they should," maintained Katz. "Regardless of the level of competition, everybody played really well tonight."

Phillips, for her part, believes that the Panthers can build on their performance in the opener.

"We will just come in trying to keep the intensity up and playing how we played tonight," added Phillips. "It was nice to come out of the first game with a win and see us coming together."

—Bill Alden



SAVINGS ACCOUNT: Hun School boys' hockey goaltender Travis Potts makes a save in a game last year. Last Monday, senior goalie Potts recorded 56 saves but it wasn't enough as Hun fell 2-0 to defending state Prep champion Morristown-Beard. In upcoming action, Hun, now 2-1, plays at LaSalle High on December 10 and then hosts Calvert Hall Academy on December 12.

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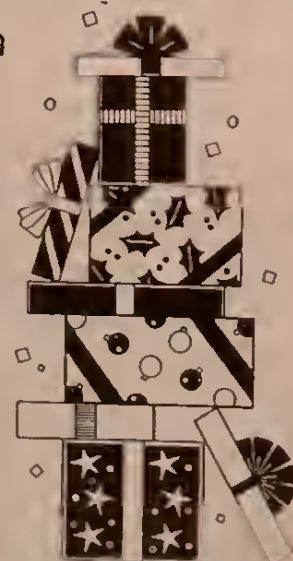
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Hun

Boys' Basketball: Senior guards R.J. Griffin and Jonathan Lee came up big but it wasn't enough as Hun fell 54-47 to Hotchkiss last Sunday in a Coaches vs. Cancer Showcase game at Blair Academy. Lee and Griffin scored 15 points apiece with Egheosa Edomwonyi adding eight points and 13 rebounds as the Raiders fell to 0-3 on the season. In upcoming action, the Raiders are slated to play in the Peddie School Invitational Tournament from December 12-14.

Girls' Basketball: Cyn-dra Couch led the way as Hun topped Archbishop Carroll (Washington, D.C.) 72-43 last Saturday to win the Spring Valley Tournament in Peekskill, N.Y. Senior forward Couch scored 24 points and piled up six steals and six rebounds with Arielle Collins adding 16 points. Hun, now 2-0, plays at Pennington on December 11 before hosting Gwynedd-Mercy Academy on December 13 and Lawrenceville on December 16.

PDS

Boys' Basketball: With head coach Paris McLean back at the helm, PDS was slated to tip off its season on December 9 by hosting George School. The Panthers will then play in the Peddie School Invitational Tournament from December 12-14.

Boys' Ice Hockey: Featuring a balanced attack, PDS topped Montclair Kimberley 5-2 last Monday. The Panthers got goals from John Inman, Skye Samse, Sam Mehrberg, Tyler Olsson, and Brooks Herr. Senior goalie Nick Jabs recorded 31 saves as PDS improved to 1-2 on the season. The Panthers have a home game against Morristown-Beard on De-

cember 10 and then host the annual PDS Invitational Tournament from December 13-14.

Girls' Ice Hockey: Stephanie Sydlo had a big game but it wasn't enough as PDS fell 3-2 at Hill last Wednesday in its season opener. Junior forward Sydlo had a goal and an assist with Savannah Hecker notching the other score. Senior goalie Bryanna Mayes had 38 saves in a losing cause. In upcoming action, the Panthers play at Strath Haven on December 11 before hosting the annual PDS Invitational Tournament.

Lawrenceville

Boys' Basketball: Leonard Hayes led the way as Lawrenceville routed MBA of Philadelphia 81-36 last Sunday. Hayes scored 19 points as the Big Red improved to 2-0 on the season. In upcoming action, Lawrenceville plays in the Peddie School invitational Tournament from December 12-14.

Girls' Hockey: Unable to get its offense going, Lawrenceville fell 5-0 at Choate last Sunday. The Big Red, now 0-2, will play in the Taft School Tournament from December 14-19.

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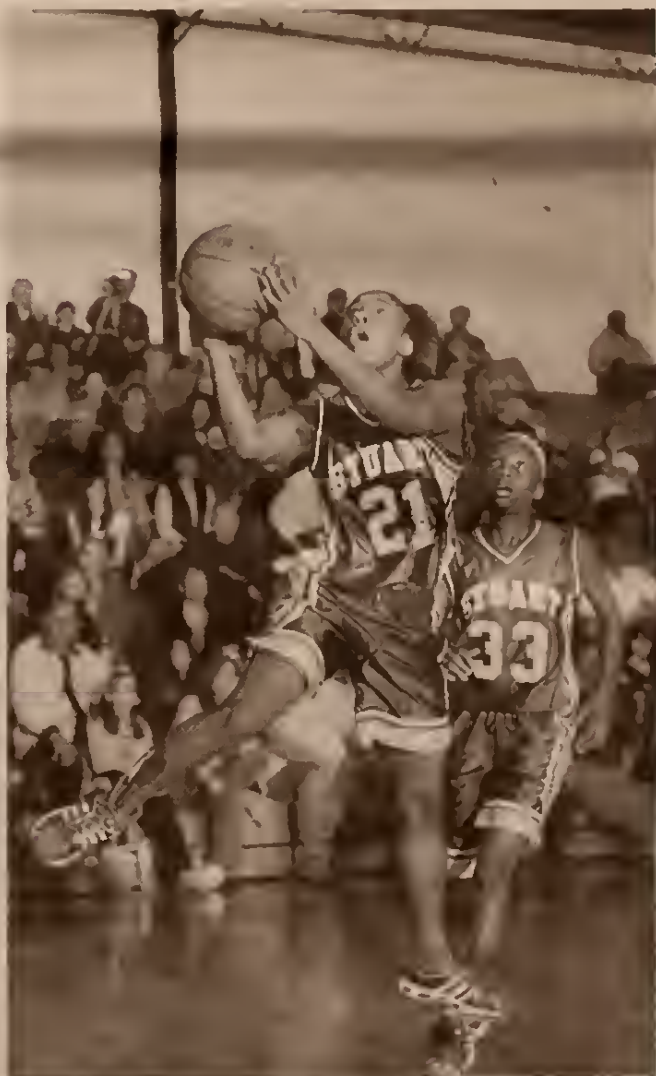
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BY GEORGE: Stuart Country Day basketball star Diamond Lewis flies to the hoop in a game last season. This past Saturday, Lewis scored 15 points to lead Stuart to a 48-19 win over the George School in the title game of the George School Tournament. The Tartans, now 2-0, are next in action when they play at Solomon Schechter on December 11. (Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

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Local Sports

Dillon Youth Basketball December 6 Results

In action last Saturday in the 4th/5th grade boys' division of the Dillon Youth Basketball League, Peter Kwitny led a balanced scoring effort with six points as the Rockets topped the Lakers 19-14. Teddy Friedman had five points and Alex Cahill-Sadinas added four in the win. Peter Reid led the Lakers with four points. The Warriors edged the Trailblazers 20-18 as Michael Dowers led the way with 13 points. Xavier Simonelli added five points in the win while Harry Dyeovich had 16 points in a losing cause.

In other games, the Mavericks topped the Clippers 36-14 as Brian Gurski led the way with 12 points. Jonah Tuckman and Andre Cole added six points apiece in the win, while Matt Lambert and Sebastian Dowell had four points apiece in the loss. Luis Lazo scored 20 points to lead the Spurs to a 30-24 win over the Jazz. Alex Essig added six points in the win while Owen Lindenfelder had 10 points in the loss. The Suns topped the Kings 30-15 as Sam Serxner scored 12 points. Malik Thompson had 10 points and Devon Riley added six in the win while Jake Caddeau had seven points and Joey Studholme chipped in six in the loss.

The boys' 6th/7th grade

division saw Daniel Sturm lead a balanced scoring attack with nine points as Notre Dame nipped Seton Hall 29-28. Ben Segal added six points in the win. Jeffrey Gleason had nine points, Trevon Walker scored seven, and Elliott Dolan added six in the loss. In other games, Matt Donahue scored 12 points and Shawn Duffy added 10 as Villanova topped St. John's 24-19. Kevin Quinn had nine points in the loss. Pittsburgh topped West Virginia, 26-17 as Austin Taylor scored eight points. Max Feldman and Sam Smallzman added six points apiece in the win while Duncan MacGregor had six in the loss.

In other action, Connecticut topped Georgetown, 27-20 as Nicolas Wey led the way with 10 points. Marquis Henderson had six points in the loss. Thomas Moore scored eight points while Alex Deutsch and Brock DeHaven added six apiece to lead Rutgers to a 34-24 win over Syracuse. Shihan Yu had eight points and Thomas Wood added seven in the loss.

In the boys' 8th/9th grade division, Elliott Golden scored 12 points and Asaf Davidof added six as Sotto Ristorante topped Baldino & Brothers 34-26. Marshall Borden led Baldino with nine points while Jeffrey Strauss added seven. In other games, Peter Schulman scored eight points and Alex Bauman added six as Woodwinds topped Princeton Borough PBA 35-32. Clay Censits had 10 points

and Jeremy Goldsmith added seven in the loss.

Jay Berry scored 11 points and Scott Bechler added 10 as Conte's topped Princeton Pettoranello Foundation, 31-30. Kevin White had 13 points and Michael Treves added eight in the loss. Jordan Lerner scored 11 points and Clay Alter chipped in 10 as Corner House topped PGC 49-19. Dillon Johnston and Jeremy Sordan added nine points apiece in the win while Edward Percario had 10 points in a losing cause.

In games in the 4th/5th grade girls' division, Jamaica Ponder scored 10 points and Yael Yonah added eight to lead Princeton Dental Group to a 24-17 win over JM Group. Claire Kister netted eight points in the loss. In the other game, Senior Tennis Program topped Princeton Shopping Center as Zoe Tesone scored 16 points and Julia Ryan added 14. Georgia McLean, Emily Kleinbart, and Anna Anderson scored two points apiece for PSC.

The 6th-9th grade girls' division saw Hannah Hargrove score eight points to lead American Sew/Vac to a 24-19 win over GR Murray. Mia Levy scored seven points and Madison Provorny added six in a losing cause. In the other action, Sarah Eisenach scored eight points and Louise Eisenach added five as McCaffrey's topped Mack-Cali 19-15. Lucy Guan scored six points and Katherine Nottenberg added four in the loss.

Princeton Travel Hoops Recent Results

The Princeton Recreation Under-14 boys' travel basketball team opened its season by beating the 'Next Level' 62-34 last weekend in North Brunswick League action. Nate File scored a game-high 14 points while Rowhit Chawla sank three 3-pointers in a 45-second span.

Princeton's 8th grade girls' team dropped their season opener 26-24 to Flemington in the Flemington-Raritan League. Kate Weeks scored 15 points for Princeton while Cameron McNeely led the team in rebounding.

The U-13 girls' team won its opening game, posting a 46-5 rout of Lawrence. Arielle Thomas led the way for Princeton with 14 points and 6 assists while Leah Moran had 10 points and Stephanie Hauer added 8. Liz Jacobs was a force in the paint with 8 points and 8 rebounds while Allison Hubert pulled down 10 rebounds. Mary Sutton chipped in 6 points.

NJ Lacrosse Group Holding Ref Classes

The New Jersey Interscholastic Lacrosse Officials Association will be holding cadet training classes for individuals interested in officiating high school boys' lacrosse.

Playing experience is not necessary but individuals must be at least 18 years old. Classes will be held throughout the state beginning in January.

To register or for more information, visit the association's website at www.njiloa.org.



HIGH RISER: Peter Schulman of Woodwinds in the Dillon Youth Basketball League's 8th/9th grade boys' division, right, flies past Jeremy Goldsmith of Princeton Borough PBA #130 in opening day action last Saturday. Schulman scored a team-high eight points to help lead Woodwinds to a 35-32 victory. For more Dillon results, see the item below. (Photo by David Goldsmith)

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Calendar

Wednesday, December 10

10 a.m.: Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Thursday and Friday at 10 a.m., Saturday at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Holiday Open House; Drumthwacket, 354 Stockton Street. Reservations required; call (609) 683-0057.

2 and 8 p.m.: A Christmas Carol; Bucks County Playhouse, New Hope, Pa. Also Thursday at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m., Friday at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m., Saturday at 4 and 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

2 to 4 p.m.: Princeton Windrows' Holiday Open House Reception; Princeton Windrows, 2000 Windrow Drive. Free. To attend, call (800) 708-7007.

3 p.m.: Musical service of carols from around the world; Miller Chapel, Princeton Theological Seminary. Also at 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. Free.

4:30 p.m.: Woodrow Wilson School public lecture by Dennis Ross, former Middle East Envoy under President Clinton, "Whither the Middle East?"; Dodds Auditorium, Robertson Hall, Princeton University. Free.

4:30 p.m.: Woodrow Wilson School public lecture by Harvard University Prof. Stanley Hoffman, "U.S. Foreign Policy, Past and Future"; Bowl 016, Robertson Hall, Princeton University. Free.

5:30 p.m.: Public archaeology lecture by New York University Prof. Pamela Crabtree, "What the Anglo-Saxons Are"; McCormick Hall 106, Princeton University. Free.

8 p.m.: Student jazz recital; Taplin Auditorium, Fine Hall. Free.

8 p.m.: Mercer County Community College Jazz Band Winter Concert; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College, West Windsor. Free.

Thursday, December 11

4:30 p.m.: Talk by former Senator Bill Bradley, "Russia: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow"; Dodds Auditorium, Robertson Hall, Princeton University. Free.

4:30 p.m.: Woodrow Wilson School public lecture by Clark University Prof. Cynthia Enloe, "Taking Women Seriously to Make Sense of the Iraq War"; Bowl 016, Robertson Hall, Princeton University. Free.

7:30 p.m.: A Christmas Carol; McCarter Theatre. Also Friday at 7:30 p.m., Saturday at 1 and 5:30 p.m.,

Sunday at 1 and 5:30 p.m.

7:30 p.m.: Talk by Time magazine journalist Michael Lemonick, author of *The Georgian Story*; Princeton Public Library.

7:30 p.m.: Kate and Dennis Varley and Friends, "From Carols to Classics"; Crossing Vineyards and Winery, 1853 Wrightstown Road, Washington Crossing, Pa.

8 p.m.: Princeton University Sinfonia; Richardson Auditorium.

8 p.m.: Arts Council of Princeton's Salsa and Latin Dance Party with Swing Saboroso band; Solley Theater, Paul Robeson Center for the Arts, 102 Witherspoon Street.

Friday, December 12

6 to 8 p.m.: Princeton Family YMCA Swim with Santa; Princeton Theological Seminary pool, West Windsor. Also Saturday from 4 to 6 p.m. at Princeton Family YMCA, Paul Robeson Place. To register, call (609) 497-9622, ext. 204.

7 p.m.: New Jersey Youth Ballet's *The Nutcracker*; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College. Also Saturday and Sunday at 2 and 4 p.m.

7 p.m.: Jazz Concert with PHS Studio Band and PHS Jazz Ensemble; Princeton High School Cafeteria.

7:30 p.m.: Opera New Jersey's Holiday Fare Concert; Grounds For Sculpture, Hamilton. Free.

7:30 p.m.: Screening of *I.M. Pei: First Person Singular on the Museum on the Mountain*, directed by Peter Rosen; Paul Robeson Center for the Arts, 102 Witherspoon Street. Free.

7:30 and 9:30 p.m.: Joe Bubblewicz and Steve Lazarus; Catch A Rising Star Comedy Club, Hyatt Regency. Also Saturday at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m.

8 p.m.: Brentano String Quartet; Richardson Auditorium. Free, but tickets required by calling (609) 258-9220.

8 p.m.: Ploid Tidings; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, 5 South Greenwood Avenue, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

8 p.m.: Mannheim Steamroller; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

8 p.m.: Hopewell Valley Chorus holiday concert; The Church of St. Ann., 1253 Lawrenceville Road, Lawrenceville.

8 p.m.: Jazz pianist Jacky Terrasson and trio; Berlind Theatre.

8 p.m.: Actors' NET of Bucks County production of *Edward Albee's Seesaw*; The Heritage Center, 635 North Delmorr Avenue, Mor-

risville, Pa. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 6 p.m.

8 to 10:15 p.m.: Dance Improv; All Saints' Church, 16 All Saints' Road.

8:15 p.m.: Princeton Folk Music Society concert with singer-songwriter Don White; Christ Congregation Church, 50 Walnut Lane.

Saturday, December 13

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.: D&R Greenway-sponsored Indoor Winter Farm Market; Johnson Education Center, One Rosedale Road.

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.: "Festival of the Nativity" display of international crèches; Nassau Presbyterian Church, 61 Nassau Street. Free. Also Sunday from 1 to 3 p.m.

Noon: Gennady Spirin Holiday Book Signing; Taplin Gallery, Paul Robeson Center for the Arts, 102 Witherspoon Street.

Noon to 5 p.m.: Screening of short films by Charles and Ray Eames; McCormick 101, Princeton University. Free.

1 p.m.: Book Discussion/Signing with Ronda Wojcicki, author of *Speech Class Rules: An Introduction to Speech Therapy for Children*; B. Dalton Booksellers, Quaker Bridge Mall.

2 p.m.: Book Discussion/Signing with Sharon Sakson, author of *Poets to Protect*; Barnes & Noble, MarketFair Mall, Route 1.

3 p.m.: Soundscape Jazz Concert; Community Room, Princeton Public Library. Free.

6 p.m.: Friends of the Princeton University Library Winter Dinner with TV and radio talk show host Tavis Smiley; Carl Icahn Lab, Princeton University. For information, call (609) 258-3155.

6 p.m.: Princeton Singers concert, *A Child's Christmas in Wales*; Nassau Presbyterian Church, 61 Nassau Street.

7 p.m.: *Exceptions To Gravity* with Avner the Eccentric; Montgomery Performing Arts Center, Montgomery High School, Skillman.

7:30 p.m.: Kirtan Concert with Wynne Paris; Princeton Center for Yoga & Health, Montgomery Professional Center, 50 Vreeland Drive, Skillman.

8 p.m.: Cabaret performers Marin Mazzie and Jason Danieley; Berlind Theatre. Standing room only.

8 p.m.: New Brunswick Chamber Orchestra and Christ Church Choir performing *Handel's Messiah*; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

8:30 p.m.: Central Jersey Dance Society Ballroom Blitz social and dance; Suzanne Patterson Center.

Sunday, December 14

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Holiday Open House; Drumthwacket, 354 Stockton Street. Reservations required; call (609) 683-0057.

1:30 and 3 p.m.: Engelchor Consort; Princeton University Art Museum. Free.

2 p.m.: Folk Tale Puppets, *Jonathon's Journey: A Holiday Tale*; Waldorf School of Princeton, 1062 Cherry Hill Road.

3 p.m.: Eric Mintel Quartet; Princeton Public Library. Free.

3 p.m.: Princeton Pro Musica, *Handel's Messiah*; Patriots Theater at the War Memorial, Trenton.

3 p.m.: Community Christian Choir concert, "Priceless Promise"; Villa Victoria Theater, 376 West Upper Ferry Road, Ewing. Free.

3 p.m.: Opera New Jersey's Holiday Fare Concert; Jane Voorhees Zimmerli Art Museum, New Brunswick. Free.

4 p.m.: Princeton Girlchoir

winter concert, "A Ceremony of Carols and Holiday Favorites"; Richardson Auditorium.

4 p.m.: New Jersey Gay Men's Chorus; Unitarian Church, 50 Cherry Hill Road.

5 p.m.: Princeton Country Dancers' annual Winter Cotillion; Trinity Cathedral, 801 West State Street, Trenton.

7 p.m.: Kingston Women's Chorus's fourth annual Community Carol Sing-Along; Kingston United Methodist Church.

7:30 p.m.: Westminster Community Chorus and Chamber Choir concert, "Nativitas: An Evening of Christmas Music from Around the World"; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College.

Monday, December 15

7 p.m.: Township Committee; Township Municipal

Complex.

Tuesday, December 16

5:30 p.m.: Princeton Public Library Board of Trustees; Princeton Public Library.

5:30 to 7:30 p.m.: Mercer Regional Chamber of Commerce Princeton/West Windsor Chapter Evening Networking Event, with proceeds benefiting McCarter Theater's Tiny Tim Fund; McCarter Theater.

7:30 p.m.: Amateur Sight-Reading Orchestra's Christmas "Pops" Concert; Lawrence Senior Center, 30 Darrah Lane, Lawrenceville.

7:30 p.m.: "McCarter Live at the Library" discussion of George Bernard Shaw's *Mrs. Warren's Profession*, with actress Suzanne Bertish and director Emily Mann; Princeton Public Library.

Wednesday, December 17

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Holiday

Open House; Drumthwacket, 354 Stockton Street. Reservations required; call (609) 683-0057.

Noon: Lecture by Princeton University professor of sociology Paul Starr, "Freedom's Power: The History and Promise of Liberalism"; Jewish Center of Princeton, 435 Nassau Street.

2 and 8 p.m.: A Christmas Carol; Bucks County Playhouse, New Hope, Pa. Also Thursday at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m., Friday at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m., Saturday at 4 and 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

7:30 p.m.: Princeton Environmental Commission; Room A, Township Municipal Complex.

8 p.m.: Mercer County Symphonic Band Winter Concert; Kelsey Theater, Mercer County Community College, West Windsor. Free.

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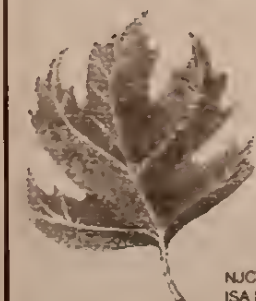
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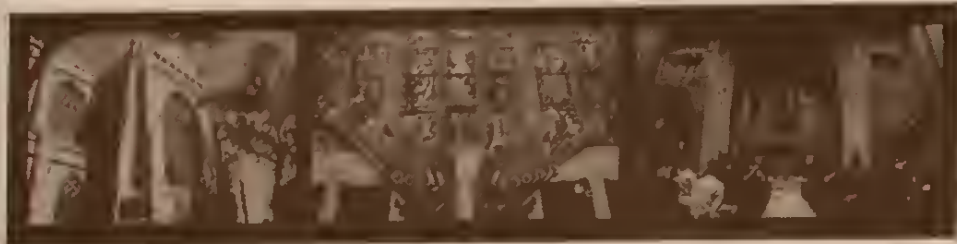
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Obituaries



Denise Brown

Denise Carmen (Boyer) Brown, 53, of Princeton, died December 1 at the University Medical Center at Princeton.

Daughter of the late Beatrice (Waller) and Francis D. Boyer Sr., she was a resident of Princeton until she married and moved to Piscataway. She attended the Princeton Public Schools, graduating from Princeton

High School in 1973. She then attended Boston College, graduating magna cum laude in 1977 with a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology before graduating from Rutgers University with a master's degree in public administration in 1980.

For almost 30 years, she was employed by the United States Department of Treasury, Internal Revenue Service, where she rose to the level of Senior Program Analyst in the Office of the IRS Commissioner. Her official home office was Washington D.C. where she was responsible for the development and dissemination of national technical assistance and policy guidelines on the administration of IRS regulations. She traveled extensively throughout the country in this capacity.

She is survived by her husband, Louis; a son, Eric; a brother, Francis Dean Boyer Jr.; many other relatives; and a special lifelong friend, Bernadine Hines.

The funeral service was December 5 at the First Baptist Church. Interment was in Princeton Cemetery.

Arrangements were by the Hughes Funeral Home, Trenton.

He served as an usher for St. Paul's Church for 50 years and was a member of both the Italian American Sportsman's Club and American Legion Post 76.

Predeceased by his wife, Monica Ferrara, and a daughter, Elizabeth Blydenburgh, he is survived by a son, Lawrence P. Ferrara III of California; a brother, Vincent Ferrara of Flowery Branch, Ga.; a sister, Gloria SanLorenzo of Montauk, N.Y.; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

The funeral service will be today, December 10 at 10 a.m. at the Kimble Funeral Home, 1 Hamilton Avenue. It will be followed by a 10:30 a.m. funeral mass at St. Paul's Catholic Church, 214 Nassau Street.

Burial will be in Princeton Cemetery.

Religion

Rider University will recognize the themes of peace, love, joy, and unity that prevail throughout the traditions of many cultures at its 17th annual Celebration of Lights tomorrow, December 11, beginning at 5 p.m. in the BLC Cavalla Room on the Lawrenceville campus, 2083 Lawrenceville Road.

The event, hosted by Rider's Center for Multicultural Affairs, will feature stations highlighting the traditions of Diwali, Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, Eid al-Fitr, Eid al-Adha, Christmas, Three Kings Day, and Boxing Day.

As part of the event's tradition, Dr. William Guthrie, professor of education, will light Rider's unity candle and present a Native American story. Westminster Choir College Student Government Association President Ryan LaBoy will then lead the singing of *God Bless America*. The Gospel Choir will sing the event's unity song, *Let There Be Peace on Earth*.

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Lawrence P. Ferrara Jr.

Lawrence P. "Skip" Ferrara Jr., 93, a lifelong resident of Princeton, died peacefully December 6 in Princeton.

He constructed parts of Princeton University while employed as a union carpenter before he went on to become a professional golfer. He was the head pro at Mountain View Golf Club from opening day 1958 until his retirement in 1983. He also worked for the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey.

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United Methodist Church Plans Candlelight Concert

The Princeton United Methodist Church will present a candlelight concert of lessons and carols on Sun-

day, December 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary at Nassau and Vandeventer Streets. The chancel choir will be joined by the handbell choir for the concert, which is free and open to the public.

The chancel choir will be led by David Edmonds, the new director of music ministries at the church. The handbell choir is led by Hyosang Park.

Mr. Edmonds began his ministry at Princeton United Methodist church this fall. A composer of choral works and arrangements, he studied church music at Southern Methodist University

and is pursuing a graduate degree at Westminster Choir College. He has a degree in music education from the University of Nebraska and has taught choral music and conducted church choirs in Iowa and Texas.

Ms. Park is also new in her position as organist and handbell choir director. Born in Seoul, South Korea, she has master's degrees in sacred music and piano performance from Westminster Choir College. She is a staff accompanist at Westminster and teaches at a parochial school in West Long Branch.

The church will also present "A Gift for the Holy Child," a Christmas pageant, on Sunday, December 14 at 5 p.m. The children of the church school, directed by Richard Gordon, Malisa Langdon, and Laverna Albury, and the middle school choir, conducted by Yvonne Macdonald, will be accompanied by an instrumental ensemble.

For more information, call (609) 924-2613.

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December 25, 9:00 am - Eucharist and Music

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Sunday, Dec. 28

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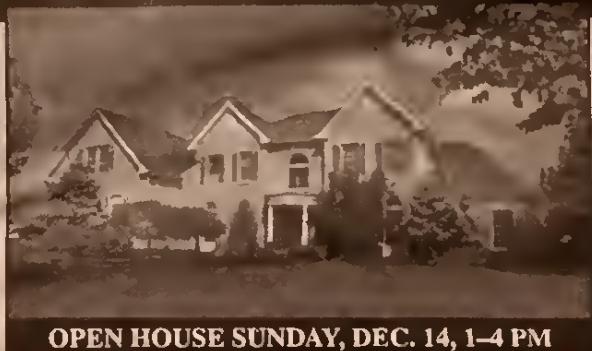
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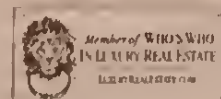
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We are fortunate in Princeton not only to have a real downtown that is alive and lively, but a "village" shopping center, with friendly service and personal attention. And

Princeton is still a town where the individually-owned store can thrive. The independent entrepreneur is a presence here, appreciated and respected by knowledgeable and interested customers.

At holiday time, the town takes on a special glow, with decorations, the lighted Christmas tree, strolling carolers and musicians, and of course, visits from Santa — it is truly a magic time.

"Everything about Princeton is quite magical," says a former resident, now living in a Boston suburb. "Princeton is the town in which we'd all like to live. In fact, we'd all like

to have the town where we live mimic Princeton. The downtown is bustling with top-notch shops — from chocolatiers to toys and high end gifts of all kinds, including clothing, leather goods, crystal, silver, "kitchenalia", antiques, artwork, china and jewelry. Window displays rival those in New York, and the corner of Nassau and Witherspoon feels like London with the bright bows and swags against the white stucco and dark trim.

"Palmer Square shops surround the light-be-decked Christmas tree, greenery garlands at the arched walkway entranc-

es, tiny twinkling lights, and holiday shoppers, with arms full of bags and packages, greet us at every turn."

First Glimpse

Adds a current resident, who especially loves Princeton at Christmas: "A sense of excitement accompanies the first glimpse of workers beginning to decorate the lamp posts and the shops in Palmer Square. The fresh greens are carefully placed in the containers on the posts. The workers doing the job look like the old lamplighters of yore, climbing up the ladders and making sure the pine and berries are secure. Red bows and swags of evergreen grace the entrances of each shop. It is all so lovely and always fulfills our expectations. By the time the tree is lighted, Palmer Square is a wonderland. It looks the way Christmas ought to look!

"Our family loves to come upon Palmer Square at night," she continues. "We know what is there; we know what it will look like. But each time we come down Nassau Street in the car — and we've done it hundreds of times — we take a deep breath as we approach Palmer Square and look down toward the Nassau Inn, and it's still a surprise. We ooh and ahh as we again see the lighted tree and the shops sparkling with old-fashioned beauty. Nothing could be more special!

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TIMELESS ELEGANCE: The ladies of Merrick's are shown amidst a winter scene of wonderful red, green, and white lanterns, floating snowflakes, and twinkling lights outside the popular women's shop. Each lady is wearing one of the hot-selling cashmere wraps from Magashoni. Known for its exceptional selection of holiday ball gowns and cocktail dresses, Merrick's also offers everything from outerwear to exceptional handbags, including the stylish Sequoia French styles. Gorgeous hand-painted, hand-colored silk and linen blouses, super sweaters — stunning cashmere cardigans and tunics, as well as dressy cashmere styles with silk cut-out flowers and bugle beads — are just some of the specialties. Special occasion coats and the popular MycraPac reversible raincoats, with styles that can be worn every day or to the opera, are always holiday favorites. Beautiful scarves and belts will perfectly accessorize a holiday outfit, and the selection is irresistible. Merrick's has a variety of gift items, with the popular Krinkles ornaments on display, along with holiday needlepoint pillows, tea towels, and matching aprons, tun collectible mini terris wheel and carousel, Votivo aromatic reed diffusers, and soaps. The annual holiday trunk show will be held December 12, 13, and 14, featuring Due Sorelle jewelry (Dec. 13 and 14 only), and the designs of Ernestine Ruben, Magashoni, Nina McLemore (items marked down for the first time), and Zelda. A percentage of sales will go to the Crisis Ministry. All fall and winter merchandise is currently reduced, and the adorable items in the Merrick's Munchkins department are marked down 30 percent.

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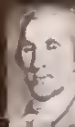
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Because of the special attention the community and the shops, both downtown and at Princeton Shopping Center, take to create an appealing shopping environment, a day's outing amidst the Princeton shopping scene certainly beats the frantic, frenzied crush at the malls.

And there are special events coming up to enable shoppers to have an even more enjoyable experience. On Thursday, December 11, the public is invited to celebrate the season with "Friends and Family Shopping & Dining Night" from 5 to 9 p.m. in Palmer Square. Many

of the stores and restaurants are offering special discounts.

Parking is free to Palmer Square shoppers in the Hulfish and Chamber Street garages through January 4 between 4:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Sunday. Stores will provide a parking validation.

On weekends, while shopping downtown, you can also have the fun of an old-fashioned horse and carriage ride, available Saturday and Sunday,

from noon to 4 p.m. Also, strolling musicians will be in Palmer Square Saturdays and Sundays from 1 to 3 p.m., where they will be joined by a strolling Santa.

In the Princeton Shopping Center, on Saturdays from noon to 2 p.m., a brass band will play holiday favorites.

Also at the Shopping Center, on December 18, Ten Thousand Villages will be host to the Princeton Area Home School Choir at 7 p.m. A portion of the sales that day will be donated to the choir.

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Coming up on December 22 is the annual Hanukkah celebration at 6 p.m. at Palmer Square when the menorah will be lighted.

Also at Palmer Square, Christmas Eve day will include the music of the Holiday Brass from noon to 2, and Christmas Eve caroling with the Arts Council will begin on the Green at 5:15.

Winter is off to a brisk start, and there's no better place to find all you need to keep warm than at Landau's on Nassau Street. Known especially for its selection of woolens, including sweaters, scarves, and throws, it has a wide spectrum of other items as well.

"We have things not found elsewhere," says owner Robert Landau. "We offer high quality and good value that customers appreciate."

American-made products include an American Artisan Collection, he adds, featuring wonderfully warm fleece-lined, one-of-a-kind "mismatched" mittens handmade from recycled wool sweaters. Hats are also made from the sweaters.

Also available is the collection of handwoven chenille scarves from Virginia, with stunning shadings of color.

Mismatched cotton socks made in Vermont are big sellers with three to a pair for kids, and five to a pair for infants. Popular with all ages, they feature great

colors and stripes and patterns.

American-Made

American-made cashmere blend socks for men and women are another specialty, and teens, particularly, love the versatile mittens, with special fold-over flap for cell phone, and which convert to fingerless, to enable that all-important texting. Sheepskin boots are another favorite for teens, and are offered at great prices.

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Sheepskin slippers, mittens, and gloves are very important categories, and Landau's also has a selection of fine quality leather goods at very reasonable prices.

Sweaters are a major holiday item, and they are special. Italian merino wool jacket/sweaters from Scotland for women; the men's hot-selling navy blazer-style French sailing sweater in durable worsted, moisture-shedding wool; an alpaca women's sweater in black and white

geometric (African) design with red trim and buttons. new Icelandic wool sweaters for men and women — the list goes on.

Outerwear includes English duffle coats for men and women, Lodens from Austria, handwoven jackets from Finland in gorgeous colors, and Geiger boiled wool jackets from Germany. Caps and hats (including brimmed) are plentiful, priced from \$9 to \$200.

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Happy Feet

Happy feet find their way to Hult's, Princeton's family shoe store for nearly 80 years.

"There are not many stores like ours anymore," says owner Chuck Simone. "This kind of family-operated store, with shoes for the whole family, is becoming a rarity these days. We offer a lot of personal attention and make a special effort to help people, and to fit the shoes properly."

For the holidays, Uggs sheepskin boots from Australia are the big favorite, he reports. In addition to boots, Uggs also offers slippers and clogs for men, women, and children.

Another big seller are La Canadien boots for women. High-end, waterproof, with Italian leather, they are in many styles. Haflinger clogs and slippers made of boiled wool continue to be popular, especially the slippers with black sheep and white sheep motif.

Cozy Minnetonka moccasin-style sheepskin slippers will keep toes toasty, as will the traditional favorite, Acorn Slipper Sox. Ladies love the BeautiFeel line of dressy shoes from Israel, including patent leather and suede styles.

Clarks is another favorite of the whole family, with the "Unstructured" soft

and flexible line a big hit. The women's patent and open-toe styles in black and burgundy are holiday specialties this season.

Children's Footwear

Earth shoes, Ecco Comfort shoes, Timberland, and Merrell outdoor shoes are all in stock at Hult's, as are dress shoes for men from Johnston & Murphy and Bostonian.

Children's footwear includes Uggs, Primigi, Geox, StrideRite, and Kenneth Cole, and the colorful array offers shoes for infants and toddlers, too.

SmartWool socks are popular with the kids, as are the fun "Uneaks", including the "Madagascar" design, all great stocking stuffers. Burlington dress socks are available for men, and gift certificates are always an option.

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Hot Chocolate

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"Hot chocolate is a big item during the holidays, especially our 'De Paris' version, made with special chocolate and cinnamon," says store manager David Mileaf. "People come in

throughout the day, starting at 7 a.m. when we open, and up to 11 p.m. when we close.

"We offer a free home-made pastry with every hot drink," he adds. "The pastries are made fresh here every day."

While sipping her latte, a customer attests to the popularity of Halo. "This is the best quality around, and the prices are very fair. I always like to get the apple turnovers with my coffee, but they go so fast, I often have to substitute!"

Hot drinks also include a variety of coffees, tea, cider, and hot (or cold) eggnog. Also, says Mr. Mileaf, "'Cappunog' is very popular now. That's eggnog with a shot of espresso."

The 48 flavors of ice cream (made on the prem-

ises) continue to be popular, with cones, shakes, floats, and sundaes all available, along with many toppings, such as sprinkles, M & Ms, strawberries, etc. Ice cream cakes are a big holiday item, and they can be customized as to flavor, size, and design.

All tips at the Halo Pub are donated to the Hole in the Wall Gang Camp, established by the late actor Paul Newman.

Family-Owned

If something more substantial is required, lunch or dinner at Sotto, the popular Italian restaurant, is nearby on Nassau Street. Family-owned and operated by four cousins, Sotto offers authentic Italian food, with original flair. Diners who descend to the underground (Sotto means "below" in Italian) location will find a romantic old-world Italian restaurant, with a warm welcoming atmosphere that invites them to relax and linger. Arches and stonework provide the perfect setting for the delicious central Italian cuisine, which has something for everyone.

In addition to the Italian favorites, Sotto offers certified Angus steak, veal chops, and rack of lamb, along with their famous thin-crust brick oven pizzas.

A private cellar and personal server are available for intimate holiday dinners, and private parties are popular throughout the holidays. New Year's Eve will feature live music and dancing, with festive dinners, and champagne toast.

Sotto's Happy Hour" is a big favorite from 4 to 7 p.m., offering drinks and appetizers at greatly reduced prices.

The ladies who lunch at Sotto may wish to continue their shopping at three of the most popular wom-

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FASHION FOOTNOTES: Dynamic is the word to describe the fashions at Hedy Shepard, including this display of the shop's super holiday selection. Shown, from the left, are a wool and angora cardigan with knit ruffled collar from D Exterior, also tropical weight winter-white pants from Bernard Zins. On the right is a Fusion winter-white top featuring piqué stitch and black velvet asymmetrical zipper, shown with fluid black trousers. Other holiday favorites include Camblo jeans in denim, corduroy, and velvet, and super scarves, such as handcrafted wool from Smart-Works Inc., fine cashmere from Johnstons Cashmere and Zamlerl, and pleated designs as well as woven and velvet from Saldarini. A dressy rhinestone belt can add just the right touch to a holiday outfit, and the line of Angela Caputi jewelry from Italy is a great look with its resin necklaces and earrings which resemble chunky art in wonderfully vivid colors. Brilliant cubic zirconium stones, set in platinum-coated and gold-coated sterling, are the signature look of Crislu. You will be toasty in one of Hedy's shearling or all-weather nylon coats from Blue Duck, as well as with gloves from the extensive selection, including the ever-popular fingerless styles. Small leather accessories from Icon, featuring copies of art from the Great masters, are big sellers, and gift certificates and free gift wrap are offered.

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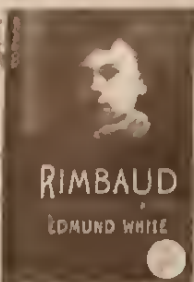


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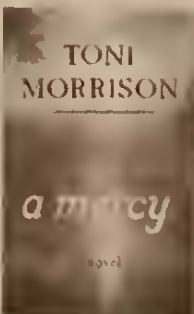
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The Return of Depression Economics and the Crisis of 2008

by Paul Krugman

Krugman, recipient of the 2008 Nobel Prize in Economics, has updated the book he published in 1999 in which he warned that the US was vulnerable to the kinds of economic crises sweeping Asia and Latin America at the time. He has greatly updated his work to show the consequences of failing to regulate markets and to draw lessons from the Great Depression for our current moment of crisis. He has proposals for what to do, which we can't afford to ignore.



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by Toni Morrison

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Wild Nights - Stories about the Last Days of Poe, Dickinson, Twain, James, and Hemingway

by Joyce Carol Oates

Belatedness is the thread that weaves through this beautiful and strange act of imagining a late-life (or posthumous, even) moment in each of the lives of the writers Oates takes up. In each case it is a moment that paradoxically on the one hand deepens what the writer had lived and written and on the other breaks something of that life and work open for the reader of this collection. These are fictional memoirs as funny as they are disturbing.

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en's boutiques in town: the Piccadilly, Hedy Shepard, and Merrick's. All very different in style and focus, they nevertheless share a dedication to fine quality and exceptional personal service, and all are family-owned.

The Piccadilly is noted for its extensive selection of the popular Vera Bradley products, including a special assortment of beautiful ornaments — all super holiday gifts. In addition, the shop offers updated classic clothes that are stylish, wearable and versatile, suitable for career, dining after work, travel and weekend wear. The favorite Leon Levin line of sweaters and shirts in solid and patterns are big sellers, as are the beautiful 2-ply silk sweaters, with short or long sleeves.

Natural Instinct

The Piccadilly also offers jewelry, with a focus on pearls with the handy magnet closures (you don't need to miss the party, trying to close the clasp!). In varying lengths, sizes, and colors, these pearls are a great holiday gift. Many customers are also delighted to find that the Piccadilly's earring collection contains clips as well as pierced.

Shopping is a natural instinct for women, believe Lynn Rabinowitz and Rachel Reiss, owners of Hedy Shepard, and they want to offer their sophisticated shoppers the best choices available. Always

in the forefront of fashion, this special shop features a continually updated selection of the newest American and European fashion and accessories. The focus is on a stylish and flattering wardrobe, which includes sports-wear, sweaters, dressy separates, jackets, coats, and an intriguing selection of jewelry, scarves, and handbags.

Service is key, and Hedy's knowledgeable staff will put it all together for you. "Let us help put together your holiday gift," says Rachel Reiss. "We can find you everything from great basics to modern classics to fulfill the ultimate gift. Our one-on-one service will make your shopping memorable. Let us do it for you!"

A Princeton institution for more than 20 years, Merrick's is especially known for its fabulous ball gowns and party dresses. It is also a treasure trove of special offerings from the most current and up-to-date designers, with clothing to fit every need and whim.

For the holidays, gorgeous ball gowns from Carol Peretz, a wonderful raspberry ruched cocktail slimline dress from Nicole Miller, and glamorous beaded gold jacket, lined in black silk, from Mark Heister will provide the right fashion statement for the occasion.

Merrick's also has a great selection of jackets, coats, scarves, gloves, belts, and, especially for the holidays, whimsical gifts of all kinds.

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SIGNATURE SELECTION: Nick and Jenniter Hilton are ready to show customers the holiday specialties at Nick Hilton Princeton. Noted for its outstanding collection of menswear, it also offers a wonderful variety of favorites for women. Tie-tront cashmere cardigans in several colors and cashmere sweater jackets gathered at the waist are sure to please someone on your list, and crinkled cotton cashmere turtlenecks are great for layering. Their longer length also creates a perfect look with leggings or a pencil skirt, accented with a dramatic belt. Gorgeous over-sized scarves are luxuriously lovely, and there are also wonderful Barbour quilted and waxed cotton jackets, including the International line of motorcycle-style specialties. A great gift for guys is the Hickey Freeman sportswear line featuring coordinated lightweight Merino sweaters, matched with a sports shirt, or silk and cotton cable sweaters, also coordinated with a shirt. Handsome reversible silk/wool scarves, university striped scarves in wool and angora, silk neckwear (including bow ties), Hilditch & Key classic pajamas, also the popular Vineyard pajama bottoms, and Robert Talbot and Codis Maya cufflinks all make welcome gifts. In addition, special gift certificates are offered at many price points.

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In addition to the "grown-up" choices, Merrick's Munchkins is an adorable adjunct, featuring blankets, toys, nightwear, and custom-smocked dresses and overalls, with sizes ranging from newborn to six years. Gift certificates and free gift wrapping are available, and a seamstress is on the premises.

Renovated Look

Now, take a ride over to the Princeton Shopping Center, where further holiday shopping awaits. With its 50-plus stores and newly renovated look, the shopping center offers a variety of fantastic shopping options, along with its invaluable — and so appreciated — convenient and free parking.

Shopping here is a continuation of the "Shopping Local" theme, which is so crucial in Princeton this season.

"Shopping locally is so important," says Chris Hanington, general manager of the Princeton Shopping Center. "It's all about having a connection with people, getting to know the store's owners, and experiencing the special service that local, independent stores offer."

If you didn't have time for lunch or dinner downtown, try Main Street or Camillo's Cafe here; stop in at Bon Appetit, the special gourmet emporium, and relax with a salad, sandwich, or pastry in its popular cafe.

Bon Appetit recently celebrated its 40th anniversary, and is noted for its exceptional selection

of more than 200 cheeses from around the world. Popular for the holidays are the favorite artisan cheeses and specials from France, as well as new American cheeses.

"Rogue River blue cheese from Oregon, which is only available for the holidays and in only a few stores, is outstanding," says Taste Fromage and former Bon Appetit owner Michel Lemmerling. "Baby Stilton from England, and a new brie with truffles that is my own recipe, are also offered."

Artisan Breads

Current owner Bill Lettier is proud of the store's selection, including its artisan breads. "They are wonderful. You would have to go to Paris to get better baguettes. They are baked here every day. And we offer fresh baked croissants every morning, when we open at 7:30.

"We have special new Italian products, including panettoni from Valentino and also from Scarpeto in lemon and chestnut, as well as the traditional Pandora panettoni.

Beautiful packaging is a signature of the store, and whether it's olive oil in special crocks from Italy and Spain, jams, jellies, chocolate or biscuits in gorgeous tins, the gift-giving opportunities abound. Gift baskets, customized or ready-to-go, all the special nuts and dried fruits, all kinds of special holiday pastries — traditional German Lebkuchen, stollen, strudel, also the holiday buche de noel — tempt the taste buds.

Catering is a big part of

Bon Appetit's business, and special menus are available for holiday parties. The store's prepared food items are also very popular to take home after a busy shopping day.

If you still need to pick up Christmas cards or party invitations, there is no better place than Jordan's. Long known for its super greeting card selection, it also offers a big variety of gifts and office supplies.

You will find every holiday need, from wrapping paper, gift bags and boxes to ribbon of every width and style to charming gift and place cards, as well as authentic English crackers. A giant plastic gift sack features various holiday designs, and is perfect for those large hard-to-wrap presents.

Visual Treat

New this year at Jordan's is an assortment of beautiful tree skirts and table cloths, made especially for Saks, Bergdorf's, and Neiman Marcus. Embroidered table cloths in various holiday designs are a visual treat, as are the quilted tree skirts in burgundy and gold.

A big candle selection includes Colonial, Yankee, Bean Pod, and gorgeous frosted tapers in gold, red, and green.

Popular gifts include the collectible Willow Tree angel figurines, as well as the Three Wise Men and nativities. Kids love the Kooky pens, which hook right on to the popular Kooky creatures.

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This has been a big day: shopping, walking, eating, decision-making. Now is the time for some personal pampering, and Metropolis Salon Spa offers an ar-

ray of TLC possibilities.

For example, says spa director and make-up stylist, Katie Hearn: "A very popular new service is the refreshing Kneipp leg and foot treatment, using Arnica cream, spray or gel. A 25-minute to one hour treatment, it is like a massage, and your legs and feet feel wonderful afterward."

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Theme baskets containing body care products, are also offered for holiday

gift-giving at Metropolis.

"There is nothing I like better than to take time to enjoy the stores, see the decorations and all that is available right here in Princeton," says a neighbor. "I love to see everyone out enjoying themselves. All of my friends have made a real point of shopping in Princeton this year. We want to support the local stores."

So — for those who may still be tempted to cross Route One — discover again the vitality of Princeton's superb shopping scene, where charm and convenience come together to offer customers the best there is.

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I try to be organized. I bought my cards for this year at the end-of-the-season sale last year, with the expressed purpose of writing them early and avoiding the rush. But when I went to find the cards, I couldn't remember where I'd stashed them, and then had to go out and buy more. My resolution to have them written by Halloween went by the boards, and there I'll be, writing past midnight a few days before Christmas.

I know I can do better. It doesn't have to be this mad rush right before the big

day. But how? Always rely on the kindness of friends is my motto — they have great ideas and have often found ingenious ways to handle the stress of the holiday happenings. And they are willing to share their secrets.

"Lists, lists, and more lists!" When polling friends and neighbors about holiday organization, I kept hearing the same words: "lists", "ahead of time", and "early".

"Lists are the way I keep my sanity," declares Karen, a New York City public relations executive. "I always set deadlines for myself. Otherwise, it will be Christmas morning, and I'll be shopping at the corner Walgreen's for gifts. I make a list, then I shop the discount and department stores and boutiques when I'm visiting my parents in Connecticut on weekends, and do the

rest of my shopping in the city or on-line. On-line shopping requires lead time for shipping, so I have to get that finished early.

"One year, I ran out of time," she laments. "On Christmas morning, I wrote 'I.O.U.s' to each family member. I'll never do that again! When I should have been enjoying my time off between Christmas and New Year's, there I was shopping and fighting the grumpy crowds who were returning gifts!"

Major Goal

Avoiding that scenario is a major goal. Set priorities, adds a neighbor. "I always prioritize. Things that absolutely must be done are at the top of my list (by the way, I love crossing items off the list — it's so great when there are just one or two things left!). For example, my children always come first. Finding out what they want, purchasing it, and wrapping. Then, of course, my husband's gifts, and other family members and friends."

She also came up with a great method of making sure she doesn't get packages mixed up for the immediate family. Each child's and her husband's gifts are wrapped in individual identifying paper. "I buy a roll of wrapping paper for each person on my list. For example, my husband's may be wrapped in the red paper with the snoozing Santa; my son will unwrap the gifts in the green paper with the smiling snowman, etc. That way, it's easy to sort out the gifts on Christmas Eve, and each person finds his or her own present easily under the tree."

A Princeton friend follows that wrapping routine, and also adds a touch of her own. "I love themes. My husband is a landscape architect, so some years I've chosen paper with trees for him or something relating to the outdoors. I like to carry themes with gifts when I can, too. When my son was little, he loved dinosaurs, so I got him gifts relating to that: pajamas with dinosaur motif, books, toys, etc. This actually makes shopping more fun."

She also adds one more organizational feature to her wrapping program, which was passed down from her mother. "I make a master list for each family member. For each person, I number the gifts and then note what the gift is. So, for Bob, the first gift might say, 1. wallet, 2. gloves, and so on. Then, on the bottom of the wrapped wallet, I write in very small print, B1. That way, I can identify the gift later when

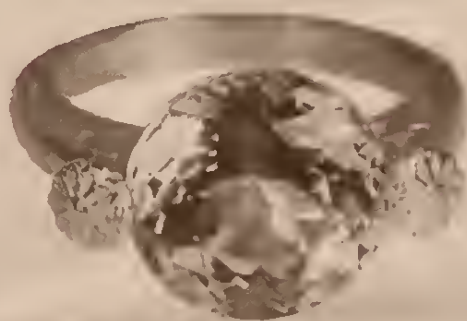
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HOLIDAY TRADITION: Stopping in at Obal Garden Center for holiday decorations is a Princeton tradition. The Obal family, including, from left, Tom, Kathryn, and Walter Obal, Sr., and Walt, Jr. (in the background), are ready to help. A big selection of fresh-cut Fraser fir trees, as well as live balled spruce trees, both balsam and tancy decorated wreaths (juniper and mixed greens with cones and berries) are in stock. Mixed greens grave crosses are also available this year, as are door swags, roping, and garlands. The traditional selection of poinsettias in all sizes and colors (7-inch white is shown), cyclamen, paper whites, Christmas cactus, and amaryllis (loose or in kits) are popular, and the packaged firewood and tat wood fire starter are just what is needed for a cozy holiday fire in the fireplace. Bird feeders of all kinds are an Obal specialty, along with houses, seed, and suet. Wind chimes, sundials, and outdoor thermometers are always holiday gift items, and there is an excellent selection of bird and nature books. New this year is an assortment of small garden ornaments which can double as bookends, including owl, monkey and frog, all "reading." The Obals remind homeowners to protect plants from deer this winter, and a variety of repellents is offered. Also, it's December — snow is on the way! Don't forget the shovels and ice melt.

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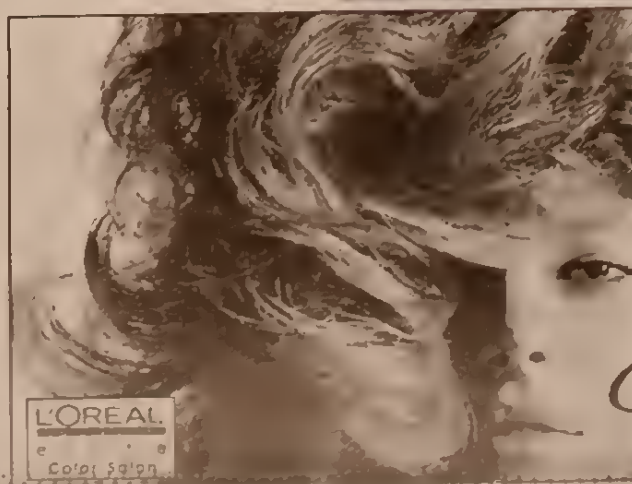


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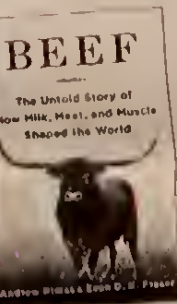
Ambassador James F. Dobbins is America's most experienced diplomatic troubleshooter and in *After the Taliban* he presents his account of bungled post-9/11 American diplomacy in war-torn Afghanistan. In fact, this book reveals why the US has failed to stabilize either Afghanistan or Iraq. Dobbins' assessment of how deceptively "easy" success in Afghanistan bred overconfidence followed by the Iraq intervention, which drained essential resources away from the initial effort to rebuild Afghanistan, makes for enlightening reading.



Backstabbing for Beginners:

My Crash Course in International Diplomacy
by Michael Soussan

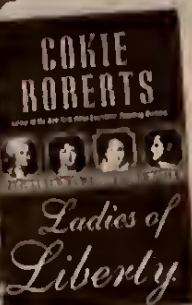
On the one hand, a darkly comic tale of one man's political coming of age, while on the other hand an expose of the United Nation's dealings with Saddam Hussein in 2004, *Backstabbing for Beginners* documents Michael Soussan's years working with the UN's Oil-For-Food Program. As Soussan tries to help 23 million Iraqi civilians survive the impact of economic sanctions imposed following the 1990 invasion of Kuwait, he finds himself embroiled in a world of spies, corrupt oil tycoons and dysfunctional diplomats. Entertaining reading that casts a new eye on the inner-workings of the UN.



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by Cokie Roberts

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The Art of the Public Grovel

by Susan Wise Bauer

Subtitled "Sexual Sin & Public Confession in America," this fascinating and important history of public confession in modern America explains why and how a type of confession that first arose among nineteenth century evangelicals has today become the required form for any successful public admission of wrongdoing. This book details how the "masters" of the form: Bill Clinton, Jimmy Swaggart, David Vitter and Ted Haggard, for example, survive, and in many cases thrive, after their public pleas for forgiveness.



The Leaders We Deserved (And a Few We Didn't)

by Alvin Felzenberg

Former NJ Assistant Secretary of State Alvin Felzenberg has proposed a new way to rate the presidents and assess their performance. This book details Felzenberg's ranking system which includes character, vision, competence, foreign policy, economic policy, human rights, and legacy. Full of fascinating stories and new historical insights on our presidents, this book is perfect reading for our current Presidential transitional period.

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it's put under the tree. This system works especially well if gifts get mixed up under the tree and they have no tag — which in our house means they are from Santa!"

Another friend has found a nifty way to consolidate all the necessary supplies when wrapping. "I place all the things I need in a big open carton: scissors, a few rolls of Scotch Tape, ribbon, and gift tags. I set aside an hour each day while the kids are in school, and that's my 'wrapping time'. I must admit that I watch my favorite soap opera at the same time! My goal is to wrap ten gifts each day, and I start a few weeks before Christmas. I now avoid that last minute wrapping frenzy which used to occur late on Christmas Eve."

One year, however, despite all her careful preparation, disaster struck. "I had wrapped almost all the gifts, and put them away in the storage closet. 'Only a few more to wrap,' I told Skippy, our fox terrier, as he watched me from his favorite spot on my daughter's bed. I looked at my watch, and realized that it was time to pick up my children from school. I gathered the remaining three unwrapped gifts and put them in the closet. The phone rang, and I spoke quickly to the telemarketer. I went back to the bedroom, and locked the closet door."

Grand Time

"When I returned with Kristy and Willie, Kristy asked, 'Where's Skippy?' I hear him barking.' The barking came from the closet. I had inadvertently locked poor Skippy in the closet with the presents, all of which were now unwrapped. Skippy was having a grand time playing in the wrinkled wrapping paper. All my organization was for nothing — except that Skippy had had the time of his life!"

A new friend, just arrived from overseas, has probably the most comprehensive approach toward holiday readiness that I have witnessed. She has 40 packages for her extended family, each one with a number attached and a label saying for whom and from whom. She makes a list of every gift, to whom it goes, what size and color and any other pertinent information. That list she will keep and use next year, so that there will be no duplications or mistakes.

She is totally ready with the gifts, so that when relatives and friends arrive for the holidays, they can all participate in decorating the tree and the house. The only shopping that remains to be done is when her daughter arrives from California, shortly before Christmas. At that time, mother and daughter go shopping for the daughter's gifts, making it a fun day of Christmas shopping, and being sure that each gift is one that will fit and not require a return.

Shopping early, of course, can be a huge help, and people have many ways of approaching it. Some start right after Christmas, taking advantage of post-holiday sales to begin getting ready for next Christmas. Others begin in the summer, often when they are on vacation and have different stores to investigate.

"My way of getting started is to begin on Thanksgiving," reports a neighbor. "I discovered a good way to find out what each family member needs; they know that he or she will only be served Thanksgiving dessert if the list has been given to me. I found out that this really works — especially because everyone wants a piece of my homemade chocolate pecan pie! This 'dangle-the-carrot' approach even elicits ideas from those pesky teens, usually so slow with their lists."

"I transfer the requests to my computer and print out 'readable' lists which I can take to stores or use to order items on-line."

Wrong Things

Although efficient, this method can occasionally backfire, especially when shopping for kids. Consider the situation of a mom who set out before Thanksgiving, list in hand. She had asked her two teenage girls, her 10-year-old boy and 8-year-old girl to make wish lists in early November. Maggie and her husband Kyle took off in the SUV the Saturday before Thanksgiving, filled the vehicle with the requested toys, dolls, electronics, and trendy fashion accessories.

A couple of weeks before Christmas, the kids had changed their minds. Brandon, the 10-year-old came to his parents with a stack of papers. "We decided we asked for the wrong things. We've seen all these cool new things on TV, and we'd rather have them. Hope you haven't bought anything yet, Mom!"

Another problem is losing items you have so carefully hidden in a "safe" place. Says a long-time friend, now living in Cincinnati: "During the year, I pick up gifts that I feel are just right for friends and family then I have to remember what I bought for them and just where I put those early purchases. No kidding! My sister-in-law found a boxed quilt stand tucked into the floor joists in the basement a full 20 years

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after she bought it. I try to put all presents into one large storage bin and check it out occasionally. 'Oh yes, there's that pair of earrings or necklace or book!'"

A neighbor who travels frequently likes to find gifts on her journeys. "I pick up presents during my cruises. That way, I can shop at leisure and not be pressured to buy items at the last minute."

Even if you're not on a cruise, you can still buy ear-

ly. Just remember where the stash is hidden!

When it comes to decorating, everyone seems to have a plan. Again, some get started well before Christmas; others like to wait. A friend in Connecticut just emailed me her holiday activities, and began by saying, "Today is the day to put up garlands and lights inside and out, so as soon as my helper arrives, one of us will be on the stepladder adorning the old wooden and inlaid fireplace surround. It helped that we had a Lessons

and Carols service at church the first Sunday evening in Advent, because it got us thinking about Christmas."

Two Trees

Reports another friend: "Early in December, I start to decorate, including garlands on the stairway banister and the mantel. I also like to place special Santas and teddy bears around, which have particular meaning to my kids during the holidays. We get two trees — one is more formal in the living room, and the other in the den has fun ornaments, often made by our kids. I always place the crèche in a special place in the living room."

Others like to wait until the big day gets closer. "My husband and I pick out a tree and wreaths a week before Christmas," says a neighbor. "Then, I'll decorate inside, and because I have a lot of things that have been passed down over the years, they have special meaning, and the decorating process and tree-trimming are really enjoyable. They bring back a lot of memories of past holidays and of friends and family — some of whom are now gone, and yet who are still remembered as an important part of this special time."

"The main problem I have," she continues, "is getting the house ready for company. I never know how many overnight (or 'over-week') guests we're going to have. We have quite a few out-of-town relatives, and one year, two families decided to surprise us by arriving on Christmas Eve!"

"If it's just our family celebrating Christmas, no one notices if there's dust on the piano or if the windows need washing; but if we're having guests, I want the house to sparkle. Now, I hire a cleaning service to arrive a few days before the holiday. They shine, polish, and vacuum, etc. and make the house look perfect. Talk about stress relief!"

Surprise Guests

Speaking of surprise guests, my cousin always has what she calls the "Squirrel Box". It contains wrapped gifts with tags (and also tear-off labels saying what the contents are). If someone arrives unexpectedly with a gift for anyone in her family, she is prepared. She sneaks into the closet where the "Squirrel Box" resides, and quickly writes the name of the gift-bearer on the tag. She buys these presents throughout the year — stationery, small trinkets, toys, candies (which are eaten if not claimed), handkerchiefs, bath powder, etc. (often at school fairs or craft shows).

As to cards, it can be a trial or tribulation or a particular pleasure — again, depending on that all-important factor: time. Some people start writing cards early — a few at a time — so as not to be faced with writing 200 at once. As a Princeton friend notes, though, having time to spend makes all the difference. Then, there is time for thought and personal notes. "As far as I'm concerned, the important thing is to think about close friends as you write a few lines and to make writing Christmas cards like having a little visit with folks you like and miss being with."

If time is tight, stores, such as Jordan's in the Princeton

Shopping Center, can help with printing and even addressing envelopes for cards and invitations.

"We offer same-day service for imprinting Christmas cards and invitations," says owner Lewis Wildman. "We have a huge variety. You can choose the card, invitation, and the font for your name and inscription. There is still time to order."

Image Arts, also in the Shopping Center, can provide a number of services relating to photography, including holiday photo cards. "We are seeing some different concepts this year," reports owner Jim Lee. "People don't always want the photo just placed on the front of the card although that is certainly an option. Some people like to have the photo incorporated as an integral part of the card on the inside. It becomes a unique creation, a unique Christmas card, with the photo an integral part of telling a story about the sender's family."

There is still time to arrange for a photo holiday card to arrive before Christmas, he adds.

New Plan

Some people just can't make that deadline and opt for New Year's or even "after New Year's" cards. "For years, we sent out Christmas cards in January," says a friend, "and then one year, we segued right into Valentine's Day. We send out 200 cards, which in itself is daunting."

Last year, she came up with a new plan. "As soon as we get a good photo of the family, I order the cards from an on-line photo processor; the cards arrive within a few days. These companies process cards year-round, and their prices are excellent. I

pick a plain background and select a message like "Peace on Earth" or "Happy Hanukkah" to be printed on the card. This year I ordered the cards in July — our photo was taken on the beach!"

Another tip to help reduce card stress is to create a computerized Christmas card list; it certainly makes it much easier to update the address changes.

Having a party? Nothing will help you enjoy your own party more than getting started early. Planning ahead is key, and if you do something every day, including preparing and freezing food, it can be a big stress-reliever.

A Princeton friend who has an annual Christmas Eve party has it down to a science. "I have the whole thing planned before I send

out the invitations in November. First, I organize the food and know exactly what and how much I'll have. I don't freeze a lot ahead, except some of the hors d'oeuvres, including meat balls and little quiches.

"I bake lots and lots of cookies of all kinds, including my mom's favorite holiday recipes, and one thing I do is to bake four batches of chocolate chip, which are my family's favorites. They will eat them till the cows come home! This way, my family is very happy, and the fancier cookies are saved for the guests."

Time-Saver

"Another thing I do is to get the table ready (the party is buffet) a week ahead of time. I set out all the dishes."

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es, bowls, and platters to be used on the table to make sure they all fit. These are for hors d'oeuvres, rolls, ham, roast beef, smoked fish, etc., and I put a slip of paper in each indicating what food will be in it."

A similar procedure can be used for dinner guests the night before the event. Setting the table ahead is a real time-saver. The only caveat is if you have curious cats, who may hop up on the table and play with the napkin rings!

Another friend declares herself "Queen of the Freezer". Nancy cooks up a storm a few weeks before Thanksgiving. A wonderful cook, she makes her famous pies, casseroles, and Christmas cookies and freezes them. When Thanksgiving and Christmas arrive, she just pops the dishes in the microwave or oven. That leaves the turkey and gravy for the holiday itself.

Nancy has even come up with a great way to avoid the "last minute gravy horror." You know: you're trying to make the turkey gravy and your guests are standing

around offering suggestions: "I make my gravy the old kettle way;" "My Craig Claiborne recipe is much easier than what you're doing;" and "You don't use your own turkey stock?"

Nancy swears that all that talk makes the gravy lumpy — or it doesn't thicken! She now roasts a small turkey a few weeks before Thanksgiving. She makes the gravy at leisure and freezes it. On Thanksgiving day she sticks the gravy in the microwave and voila! Perfect turkey gravy. She then freezes the Thanksgiving gravy (which she makes new the day af-

ter Thanksgiving) to be used for Christmas. "I still wonder why I didn't receive the Nobel Prize for that," says she.

Cookie baking is a time-tested tradition at Christmas, and there's nothing quite like the aroma of cookies in the oven — rivaled only by the fragrance of the balsam tree just set-up in the living room. Of course, the idea is to get them baked. I can relate to a friend, whose intentions are the best, but who doesn't always get them to the oven in time.

Hard Part

"One of the treats I like to make at Christmas is sand tarts, those buttery cookies that are paper thin and decorated with a bit of sugar and cinnamon or a sprinkle of colored sugar. They are so wonderful but so labor intensive! Making the cookie dough is not the hard part. The hard part is rolling and cutting the shapes and baking hundreds of them. My intentions are great. I make the dough and separate it into balls wrapped in wax paper, placed in the refrigerator ready to be rolled.

"And there they sit as I do other household tasks. And sit and sit. Waiting to

be rolled. And then they go into the freezer. Some of the dough becomes Valentine cookies, lovely hearts covered in red sugar. One year, they stayed in the freezer in the unrolled state until Easter, when they turned into bunnies. Just as with writing cards in a timely manner, it's the thought that counts!"

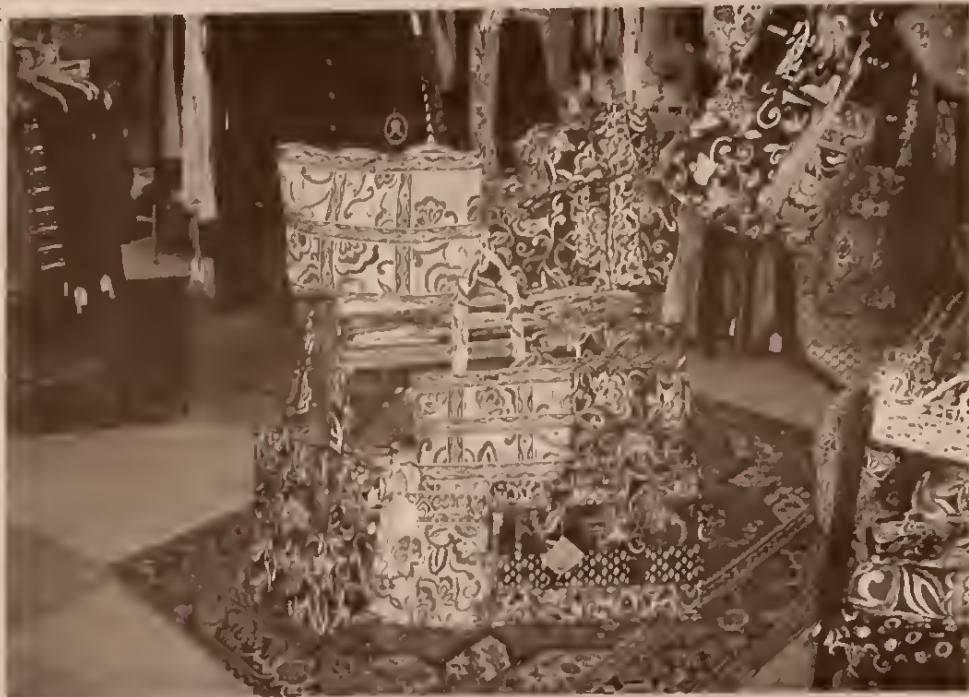
On the other hand, a former Princeton friend, now living in Nebraska, is industrious about getting the cookies ready ahead of time: "Different kinds of cookies are already baked and out on my freezing-cold back porch in tins. A few more varieties have to be made, and then packed assortments will go to family and friends.

"This is a busy time, but a joyful time," she adds. "Today, when the house is decorated inside and outside, I'll begin feeling the butterflies of all that's left to do. I feel pressure early, and then when the holidays are upon us, I'm quite relaxed — at least, that's how it's supposed to be!

"I still want to make several polar fleece scarves for the 'Angel' tree at church and the city mission. I have plenty of fabric, and it will make me feel good to know that I can help keep someone a bit warmer this winter."

With careful thought and planning — and a little luck — you, too, can glide through the holidays with barely a stressful moment. Of course, you can't anticipate every eventuality, and as the saying goes: "Forewarned is forearmed! And you really can't do better than the Boy Scouts: "Be Prepared!"

— Jean Stratton



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